# Question Sheet



Player copy • Write your answers. The small Q references match the article.

**01** Q2 In the original opening of Child's song, whose house are the travelers headed to?

**02** Q6 Which poet included Child's Thanksgiving poem in his anthology Child Life?

**03** Q7 Who recorded the 1967 Thanksgiving talking blues about Alice's restaurant?

**04** Q10 The garbage incident behind Guthrie's song happened on Thanksgiving of which year?

**05** Q11 Which Massachusetts town was the location of the closed dump in the song's backstory?

**06** Q16 Who played trumpet and arranged brass for the Thanksgiving special's score?

**07** Q17 What instrument did Seward McCain play on the recorded Thanksgiving score?

**08** Q18 Who is the drummer credited on the Thanksgiving soundtrack by the producer?

# Matching Answer Key



Host copy • Match each number to the player sheet before awarding points.

**01** Q2 **Grandfather's.**
A familiar sung variation changes the relative to Grandmother. The wording about the original opening is important here.

**02** Q6 **John Greenleaf Whittier.**
Pilgrim Hall Museum connects the poem's wider circulation with its later appearance in this collection for children.

**03** Q7 **Arlo Guthrie.**
The performance tells an extended comic story, moving between a conversation-like delivery and a recurring musical idea.

**04** Q10 **1965.**
That is the date of the event that helped inspire the piece, earlier than the commercial release.

**05** Q11 **Stockbridge.**
The volunteers had been clearing space for dinner elsewhere. Closing the dump for the holiday set the incident in motion.

**06** Q16 **Tom Harrell.**
Those brass lines give the recurring theme a different color from the passages centered on keyboards.

**07** Q17 **Electric bass.**
He supplies the low instrumental part in the ensemble credited alongside the pianist, drummer, and brass players.

**08** Q18 **Mike Clark.**
Read the credit for this special specifically, since the musicians associated with Peanuts jazz can vary by recording.

# Quick Questions and Answers



Read a question aloud, pause for guesses, then share the printed answer.

**01** Q1 **Who wrote the words that became the familiar holiday song about a ride over a river?**

Answer: Lydia Maria Child.

**02** Q3 **Which other holiday sometimes replaces Thanksgiving when people sing versions of Child's song?**

Answer: Christmas.

**03** Q12 **What was the nickname of police chief William Obanhein in the account behind the song?**

Answer: Officer Obie.

**04** Q13 **In what year did the National Recording Registry select Guthrie's Thanksgiving recording?**

Answer: 2017.

**05** Q14 **Which composer paired Thanksgiving and Forefathers' Day in the title of an orchestral work?**

Answer: Charles Ives.

**06** Q15 **Which Peanuts Thanksgiving number features composer Vince Guaraldi singing his own words?**

Answer: Little Birdie.

# Cut-Out Trivia Cards



Cut on dashed borders. Fold each answer strip back before passing the cards.

**CARD 01 / ARTICLE Q4**

Which animal knows the way in the traveling child's Thanksgiving song?

**FOLD BACK / ANSWER**

A horse.

**CARD 02 / ARTICLE Q8**

What was the surname of Alice, the real acquaintance behind the title?

**FOLD BACK / ANSWER**

Brock.

**CARD 03 / ARTICLE Q9**

What was Alice's small Stockbridge restaurant actually called?

**FOLD BACK / ANSWER**

The Back Room.

**CARD 04 / ARTICLE Q20**

What instrument did Chuck Bennett play on the special's recording?

**FOLD BACK / ANSWER**

Trombone.