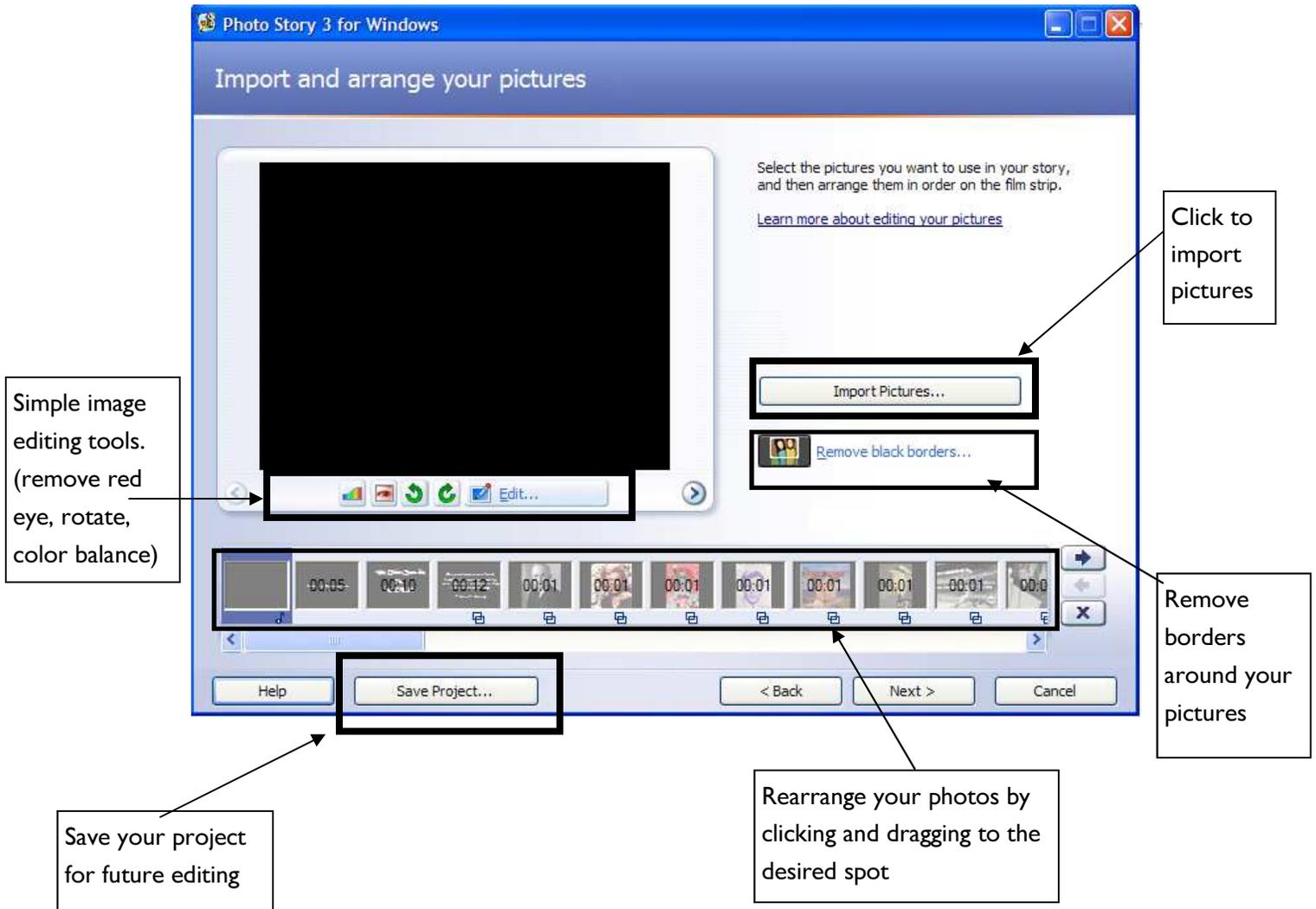# Photo Story Instructions

Getting Started

If you are starting a new story, click on Begin a new story.

If you are editing a previous project, click on Edit a project.

Then click **Next**.

Importing your Pictures

Photo Story 3 for Windows

Import and arrange your pictures

Select the pictures you want to use in your story, and then arrange them in order on the film strip.

Learn more about editing your pictures

Import Pictures...

Remove black borders...

Click to import pictures

Simple image editing tools. (remove red eye, rotate, color balance)

Remove borders around your pictures

Edit...

00:05   00:10   00:12   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:0

Help   Save Project...   < Back   Next >   Cancel

Save your project for future editing

Rearrange your photos by clicking and dragging to the desired spot
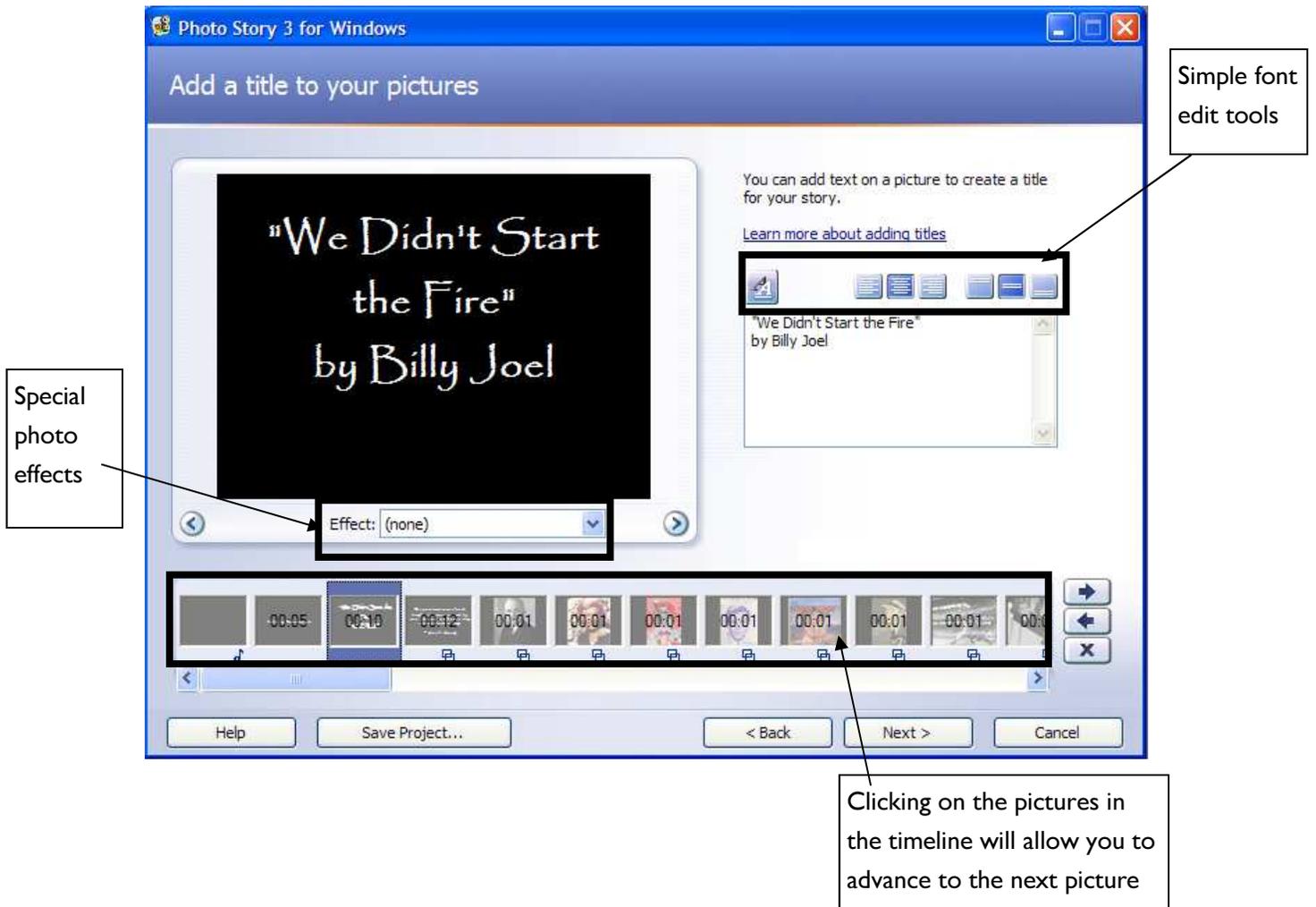
Click on **Import Pictures,** to select your photos.

Once your pictures are imported, you can edit (remove red-eye, rotate, etc) using the icons on the embedded screen.

Then click **Next.**

CAPTIONS

Photo Story 3 for Windows

Add a title to your pictures

"We Didn't Start the Fire"
by Billy Joel

Effect: (none)

You can add text on a picture to create a title for your story.

Learn more about adding titles

"We Didn't Start the Fire"
by Billy Joel

Simple font edit tools

Special photo effects

00:05   00:10   00:12   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:01   00:

Help   Save Project...   < Back   Next >   Cancel

Clicking on the pictures in the timeline will allow you to advance to the next picture

Add your captions in the text box above. You can change the font, color, and position of the text using the icons above the text box. Use the arrows on the embedded screen to go to the next picture or click on the picture in the timeline. The **Effect** drop-down menu allows you to manipulate the colors of your pictures.

Then click **Next.**

NARRATION

Click on the record button to start your narration

Click on the slide you want to narrate

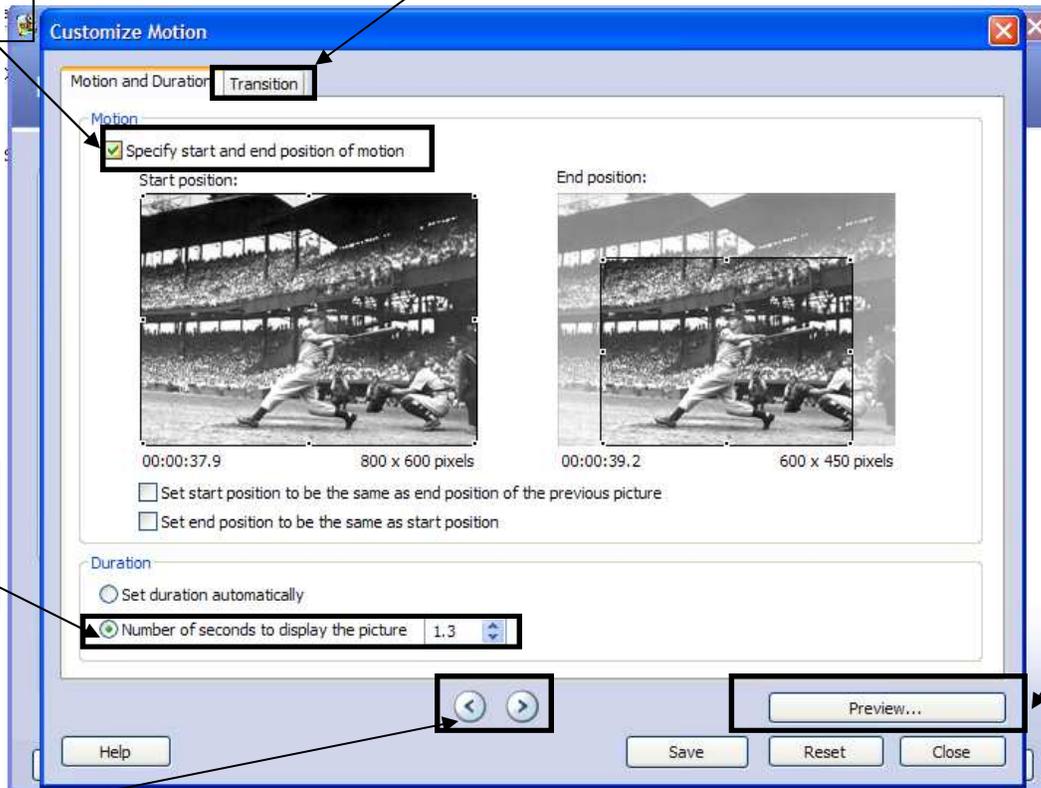Use this text box to write down what you want to say on each picture.

If you have a microphone installed on your computer, you can narrate each page of your story. Just click on the red record button and start talking.
Click on **Customize Motion** to start adding special effects to your story.

MOTION & DURATION

Check this box to specify the motion of your pictures

Click on the Transition tab when you're done to go the next step

Customize Motion

Motion and Duration | Transition

Motion

☑ Specify start and end position of motion

Start position:

End position:

00:00:37.9   800 x 600 pixels   00:00:39.2   600 x 450 pixels

☐ Set start position to be the same as end position of the previous picture
☐ Set end position to be the same as start position

Set each slides duration

Duration

○ Set duration automatically
◉ Number of seconds to display the picture   1.3

The Preview button will help you determine if you need to add time on the slides.

Use these arrows to progress from one slide to the next
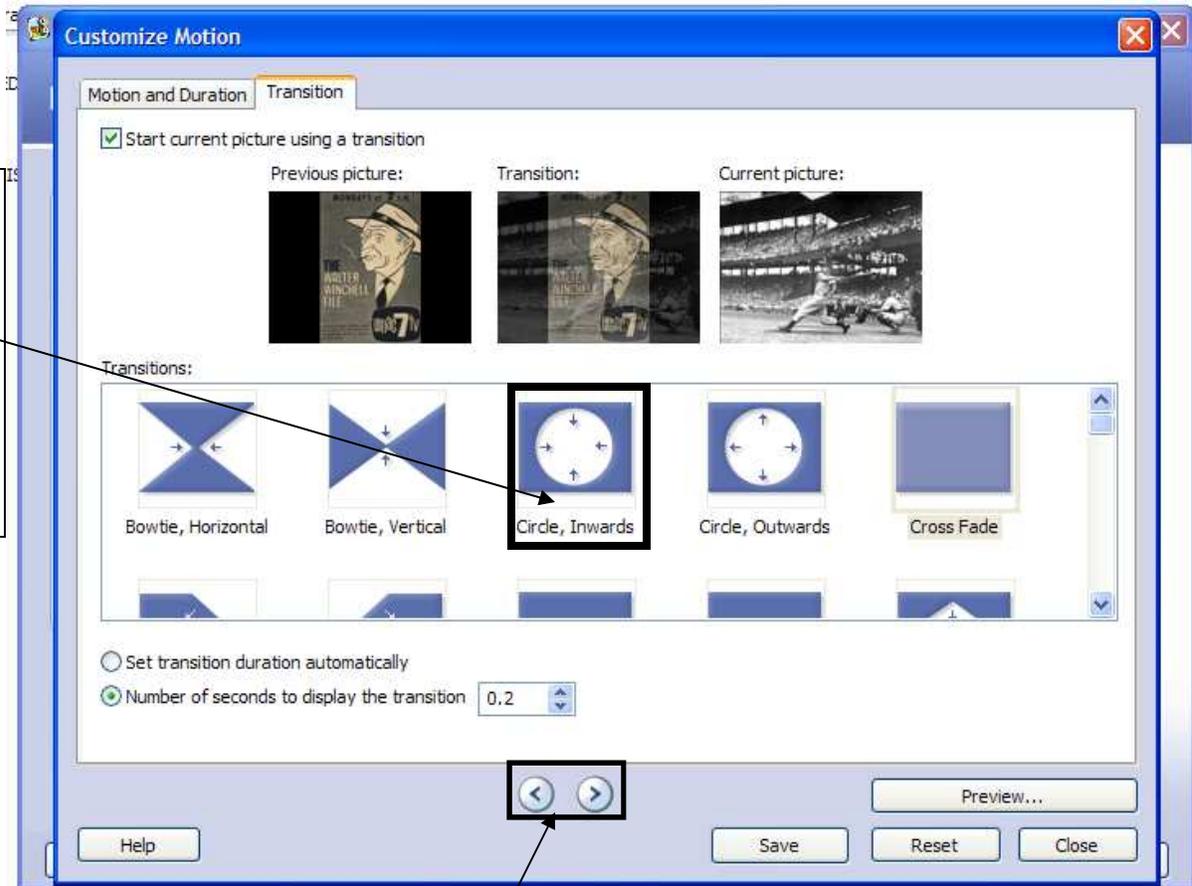
Help   Save   Reset   Close

Preview...

You can bring your pictures to life by having them start in one spot and zoom in or out, even pan from one side to the other. Check the box that reads **Specify start and end position of motion.**

You also need to decide how long you want each pictures to be displayed. The default is 5 seconds. To change the duration times, click on the button that reads **Number of seconds to display the picture**, then enter the desired time.

Use the **<** or **>** arrows to advance to the next picture. A "Save" message will pop-up after you click on the arrows. Click **Yes** to save.

When you're done, click on the **Transition** tab at the top of the window.

TRANSITIONS

Click on the desired transition style. You can preview it on the screens above.

Use these arrows to progress from one slide to the next

Select the transition effect for each picture. You can also have the option to set the duration time.
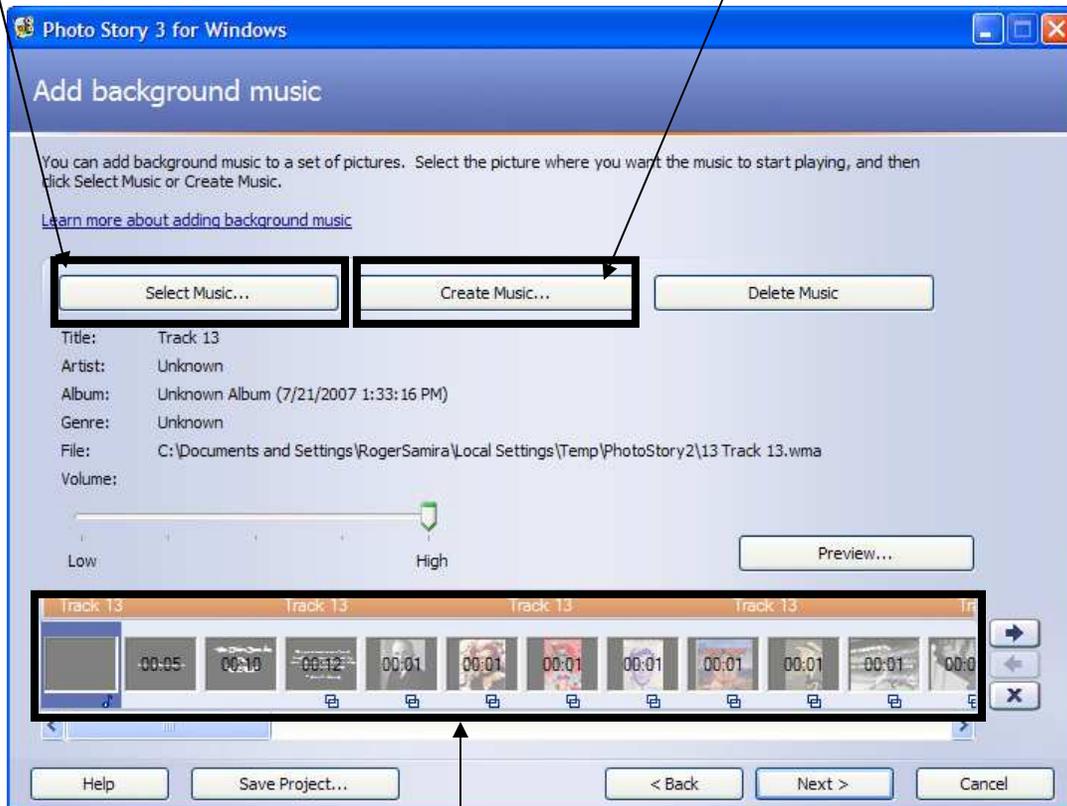
A "Save" message will pop-up after you click on the arrows. Click **Yes** to save.

When you're done, click **Close.**

Then click **Next.**

MUSIC

Click on Select Music to use a song that is on a CD or saved on your computer

Click on Create Music to use the pre-installed back-ground music. See the next page for more information about Creating Music.
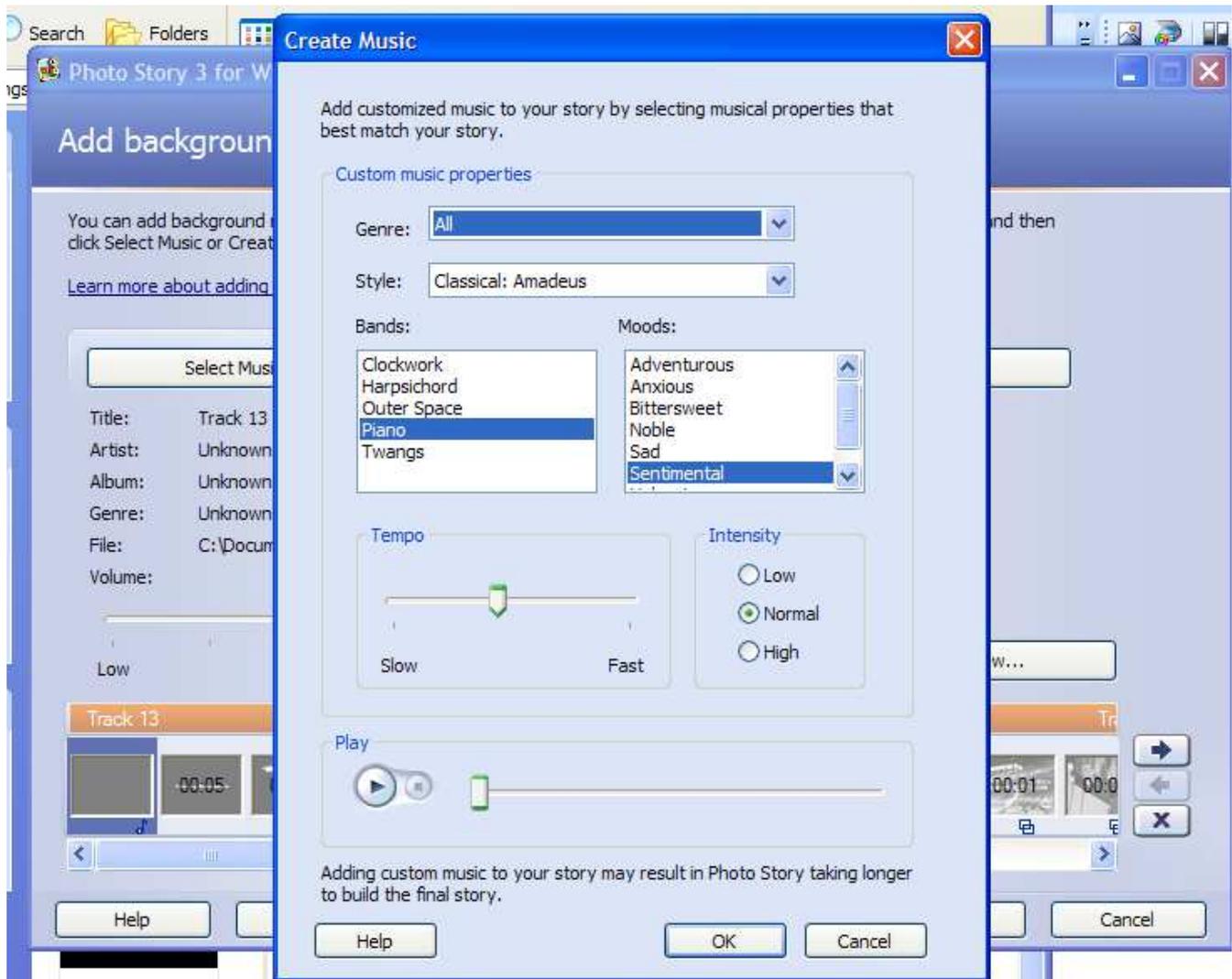

To choose multiple songs, in the Add Background Music, click on the picture where you want the new song to start and repeat the steps. You can do this as many times as you'd like.

You have the option of using your own music by clicking on **Select Music** and choosing a song from a CD or one that is saved on your computer. Files must be in WMA, MP3, or WAV formats.

> If you have a file that is not in the above formats, you can convert it by following these steps. Burn the song(s) onto a CD. Use Windows Media Player to Rip the music onto your computer. (Ripping music with Windows Media Player converts the song to the appropriate format.) Then, in Photo Story, select the song from this new location.

PRE-INSTALLED MUSIC

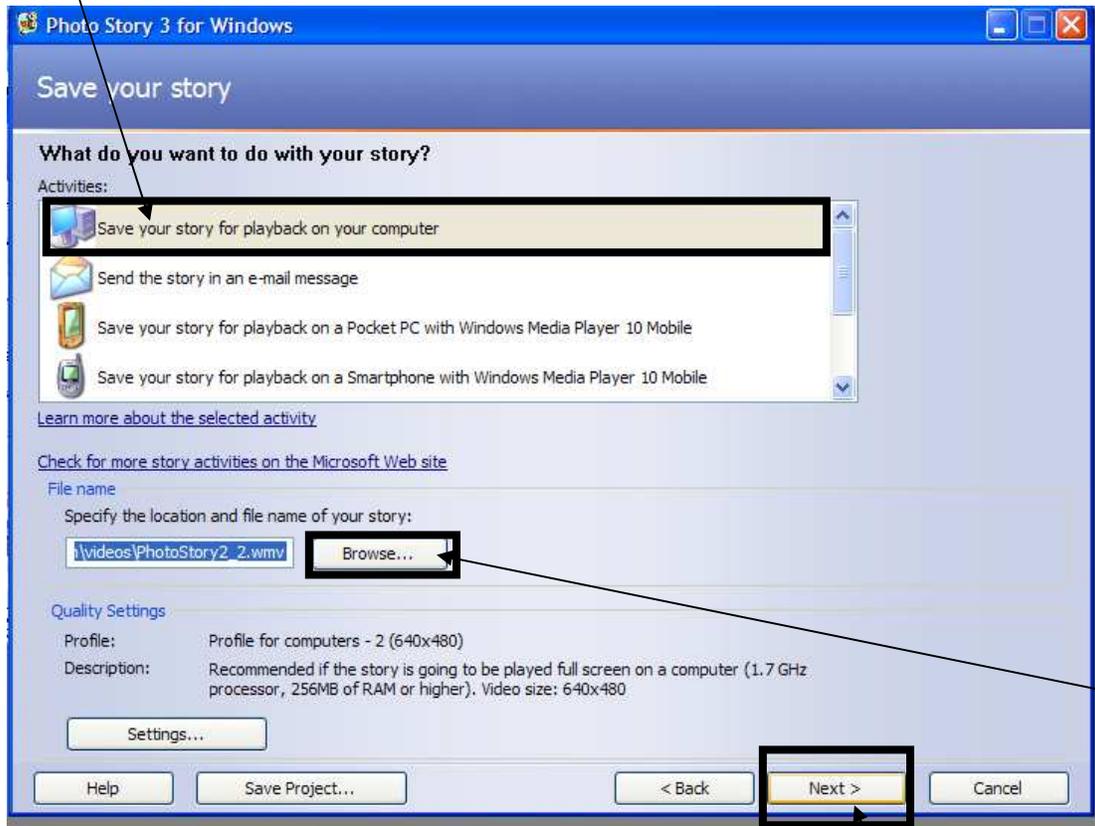You can select **Genres** like Classical, Country, New Age, Pop and many others.

In **Styles,** you can choose different songs.

You can even choose the **Mood** of the music, or the type of instrument used under **Bands**,

All of the music here is instrumental.

SAVING

Save your project as a movie

Indicate where you want your movie saved

Click next when you are ready to save
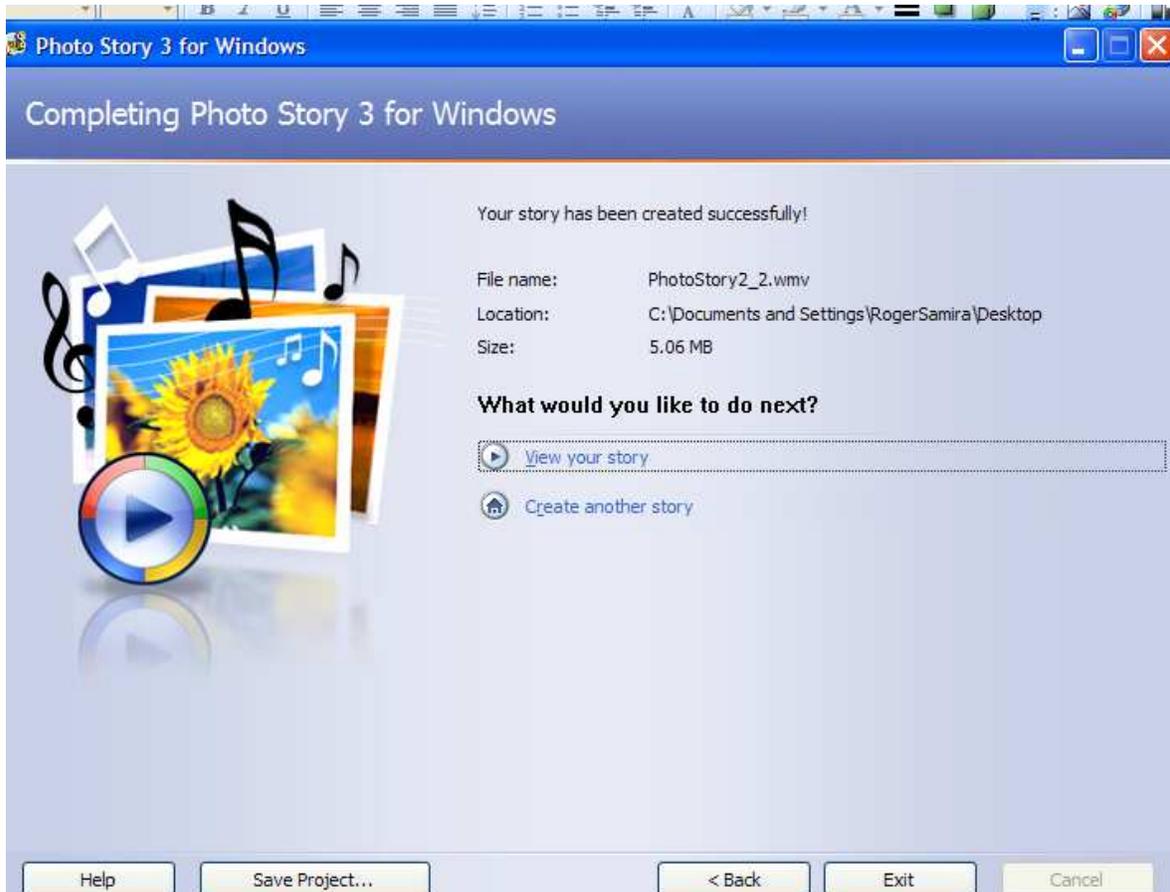
There are two different ways to save.

1. **Save Project**

This option simply saves the Photo Story file which will allow you to go back and edit the project at a later time.

2. **Save your story for playback on your computer**

This option saves your project as a movie file (.wmv). Click **Browse** to choose the location where you want your movie saved (default is the **My Videos** folder on your computer). The saving will start once you click **Next**. It will take a while to go through each step, especially if you have more than one song chosen.

PLAYBACK

Once your movie is finished saving, you can view your finished movie by clicking on **View your story.** You can also view your movie by locating the file (file extension should be .wmv) on your computer and double-clicking on it.