



The Elements of Music



Pitch

How high or low a note sounds

- High
- Low
- Ascending
- Descending
- Melody
- Consonance/dissonance

Duration

How long or short a note is

- Grave - Very Slow
- Largo, Lento - Slow
- Adagio - Moderately Slow
- Moderato - Moderately
- Andante - "Walking" Tempo
- Allegretto - A little slower than Allegro
- Allegro - Fast
- Vivace - Lively
- Presto - Very Fast

Structure

Overall plan of a piece of music

- Verse/chorus
- Round
- Ostinato
- Question and answer
- ABA
- ABACA
- Beginning/middle/end

Dynamics

How loud or quiet a piece of music is played

- Forte - loud (f)
- Fortissimo - very loud (ff)
- Mezzo forte - moderately loud (mf)
- Mezzo piano - moderately soft (mp)
- Piano - soft (p)
- Pianissimo - very soft (pp)
- Crescendo/decrescendo

Tone Colour

Different types of sound

- Vocal
- Body percussion
- Instrumental
- Tuned/untuned
- Environmental
- Electric

Texture

Combinations of sounds

- Solo
- Accompaniment
- Ensemble
- Thin/thick