

Musical terms

Key of music that sounds sad

ff

Short, detached notes

modulation

Smooth articulation

f

Getting gradually louder

accelerando

Getting gradually quieter

p

Getting gradually faster

legato

Getting gradually slower

mf

Very quiet

staccato

Quiet

diminuendo

Medium quiet

crescendo

Medium loud

mp

Loud

rallentando

Very loud

pp

Change of key

minor key

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| Speed of the music | ARTICULATION |
| Main tune | TIMBRE |
| Louds and quiets in the music | TEXTURE |
| Tone quality of instruments/ voices | RHYTHM |
| Major or minor key | MUSIC NOT HEARD BY CHARACTERS |
| The way a note is played (e.g. staccato) | MELODY |
| Different layers of music within a piece | TONALITY |
| Durations of notes and beats | MUSIC HEARD BY CHARACTERS |
| Repeated pattern | TEMPO |
| Leitmotif | OSTINATO |
| Mickey mousing | DYNAMICS |
| Non-diegetic music | STRUCTURE |
| Diegetic music | THEME FOR A CHARACTER |
| Different sections in the music | DISCORD |
| Chord with clashing notes | MUSIC MIMICKING MOVT |