TONE

A musical sound of a definite pitch is called TONE.

As you listen to a piece of music, ask yourself...

...was the piece clear and concise

or dreamlike and mysterious?

...does it make you sad

or happy?

...does it make you reflective and somber or lighthearted and joyful?

RHYTHM

The arrangement of notes in time and the accompanying accent is called RHYTHM.

As you listen to a musical selection, ask yourself...

... are the notes held for a long time

or are the notes quick and short?

...is the accent the same during the piece or does the accent change?

MELODY

The combination of pitch and rhythm to create a tune is called MELODY.

As you listen to a musical selection, ask yourself...

...do you hear a melody? (Hum it.)

...was the melody short or long?

...was there more than one melody?

...does the melody repeat without change or does it repeat with variations or does the melody never repeat?

HARMONY

Playing notes together at the same time is called HARMONY.

As you listen to a musical selection, ask yourself...

...does it have a harmony (layers of notes)

or is there only one part (notes played in unison)?

...does it have a beautiful harmony

or does it leave you with a foreboding, longing feeling?

...was it pleasant sounding

or was it out of harmony and discordant?

...did it have soft, pleasing sounds

(was it consonant)

or did it have harsh, clanging sounds (was it *dissonant*)?

DYNAMICS

As you listen to a piece of music, ask yourself...

- ...was the piece soft or loud?
- ...was there conflict? And was it resolved?
- ...did the selection create a sense of peace or confusion?
- ...was it calm or dramatic?
- ...was it peaceful or troublesome?
- ...was the piece easy to follow

or does it appear to wander?

...does the selection express grief or sadness yet *with* hope or grief with *no* sense of hope?

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