## **Vocabulary for Musical Elements**

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Volume Dynamics

Very soft pianissimo Soft piano

Medium softmezzo pianoMedium loudmezzo forteLoudforte

Loud forte
Very loud fortissimo
Gradually louder crescendo
Gradually softer decrescendo

A certain note is louder accent

Speed of beat Tempo

MediumandanteFastallegroSlowadagioVery slowlargoVery fastpresto

Timbre (Orchestral families)

Strings

Strings violin Woodwinds cello

Brass string bass

Percussion flute clarinet

Mood Oboe calm Trumpet joyful Trombone mysterious Tuba

energetic Cymbals dreamy Bass drum menacing Snare drum

triumphant Harp melancholy Piano

## **Texture**

Many instruments play at the same time A few instruments play at the same time

Changing between many and a few at the same time

## Meter

Duple – beats grouped in 2s Compound – beats grouped in 3s

