

Interlude



A passage of music played between the main themes

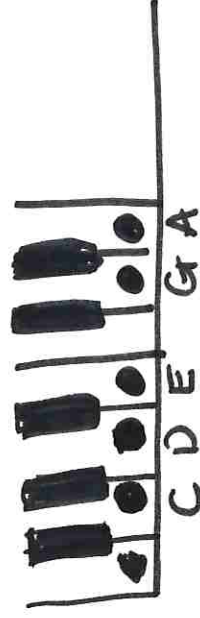
Introduction



Music heard at the beginning of a song or piece of music bridge; a section of music that can take us from a verse to a chorus, just as a bridge over a river takes us from one place to another.

Pentatonic Scale

MINOR



A fixed five-note pattern eg the five black keys on a piano.

Performing



Singing and playing instruments.

Urban Contem-

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Modern music that uses elements of soul, hip hop, funk, jazz, R&B that appeals to young people.

Verse

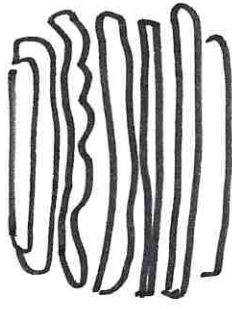
La La La

No No No

A section in a song which has the same tune but different words.

Structure/ form/shape

VERSE
PRE CHORUS
CHORUS
VERSE
PRE CHORUS
CHORUS



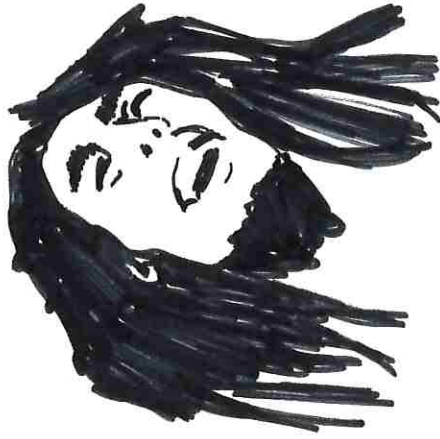
How the sections (verses and choruses etc) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.

Style

Rock
Hip Hop
Country
Jazz
Electro

The type of music eg blues or rock.

Roots Reggae



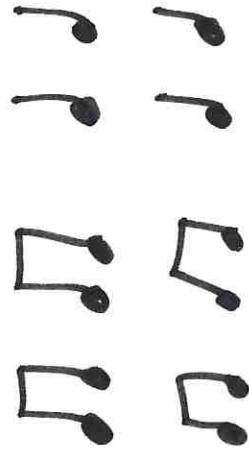
Music that deals with social and racial issues and brings in elements of Rastafari.

Sampling



Record a sample of music, a small section, and re use it in another piece of music or song. Used frequently in hip hop and other pop music. .

Ostinato



A short repeated pattern.

Outro



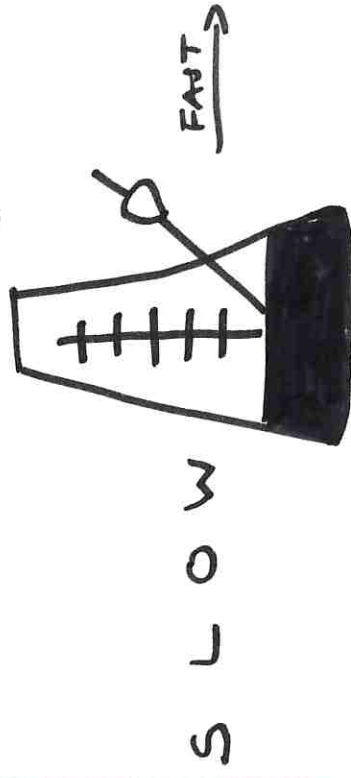
Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.

Tag



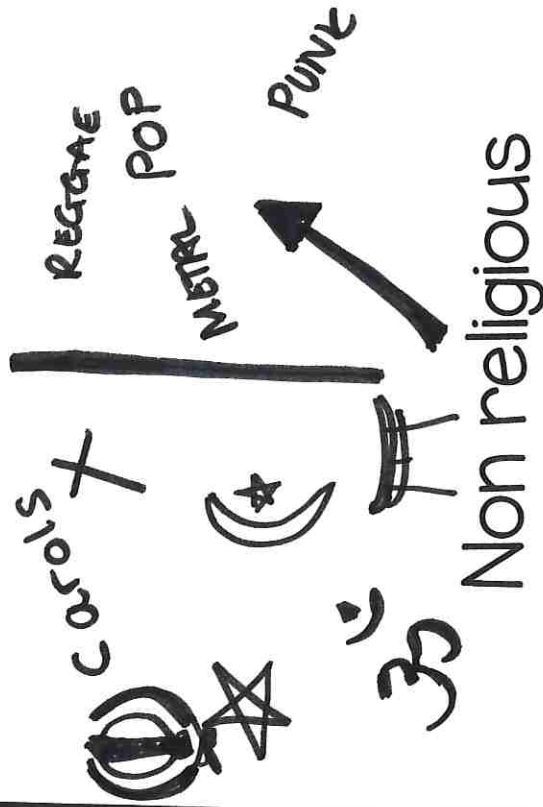
(Usually) a short ending, tagged on to the main part of the song.

Tempo

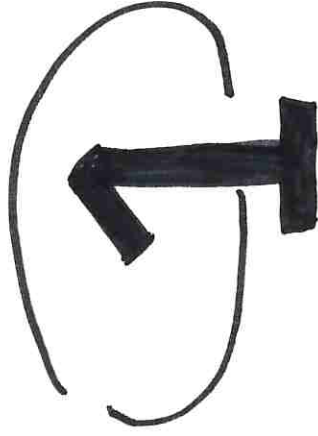


An Italian word used to describe how fast/slow the music goes.

Secular

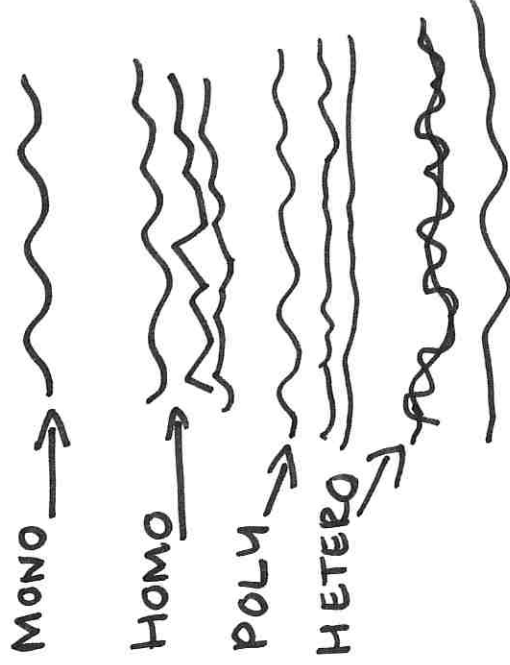


Solo



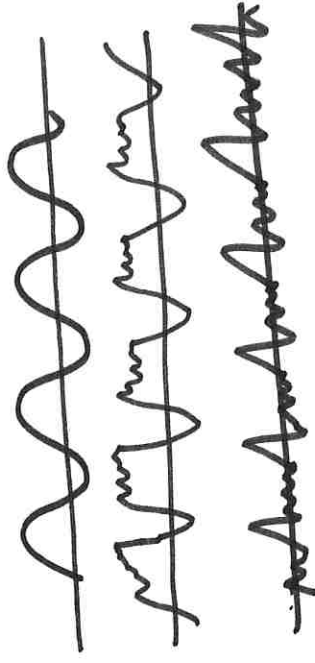
An Italian word used to describe playing/singing/performing on our own.

Texture



Layers of sound in music.

Timbre



The quality and character of
the sound.

Style indicators



Identifiers that show us the genre of the music.

Syncopation



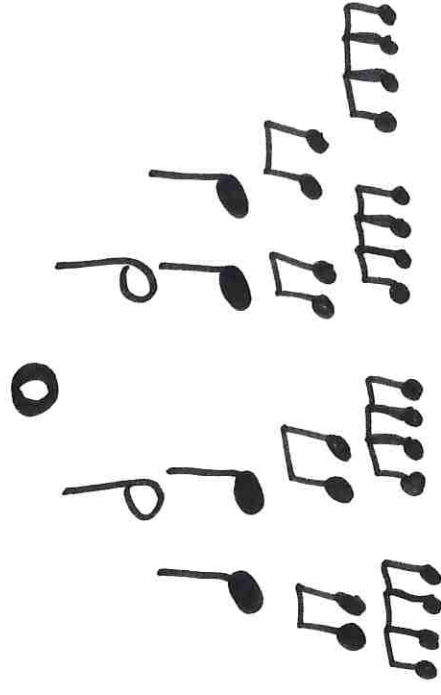
Music with lots of rhythmic variety, often quite difficult. The strong beats occur in unexpected places.

Recurring Theme



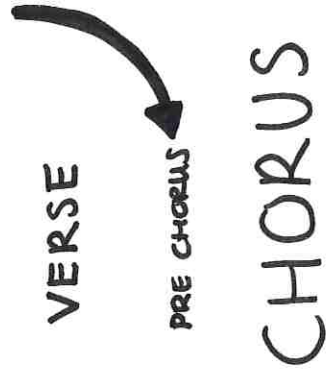
A tune that repeats again and again in a piece of music.

Rhythm



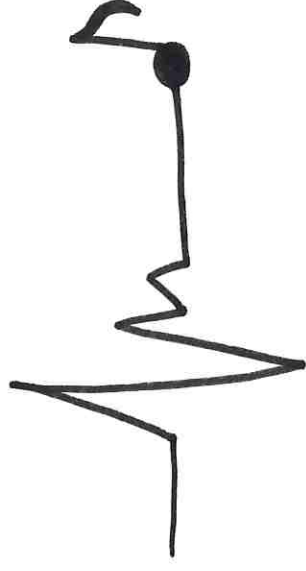
The combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.

Pre-chorus



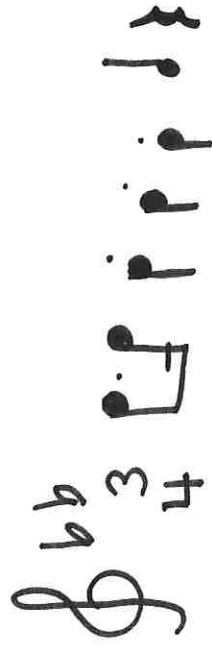
A short section in a song, before the chorus.

Pulse/beat



The heartbeat or steady beat of a song/piece of music.

phrase



A musical sentence

pitch



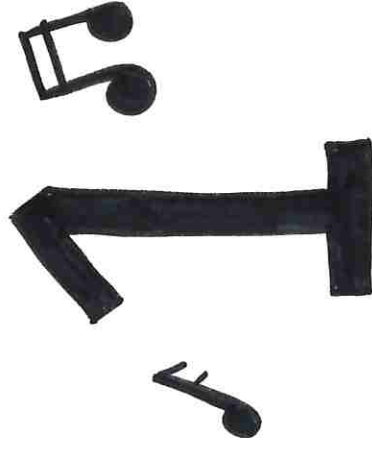
The range of high and low sounds

Offbeat



If a piece of music has 4 beats in a bar ie 1 2 3 4, to clap on the offbeat you would clap on beats 2 and 4 not 1 and 3.

Original



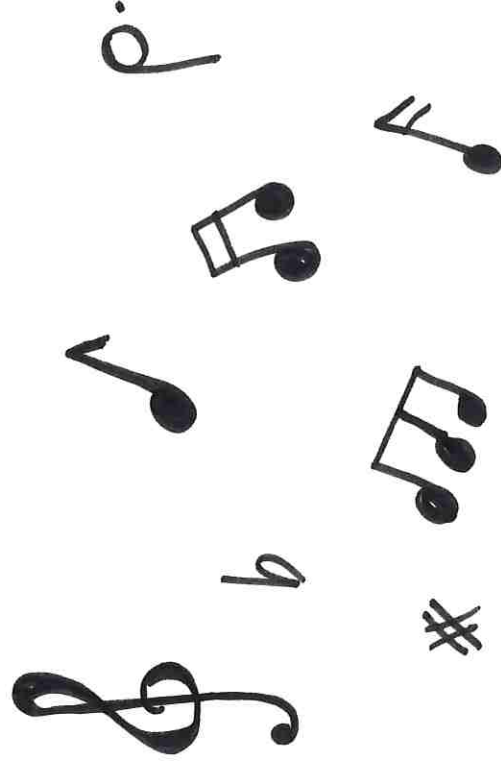
The first ever version of a song.

Melodic



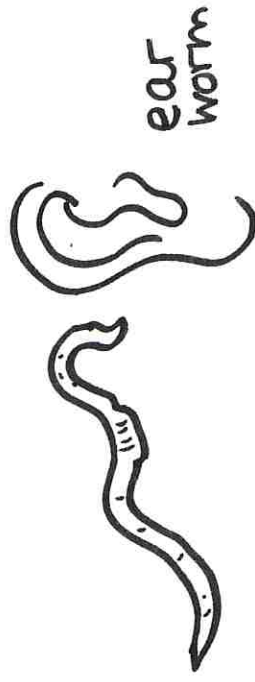
Melody or tune.

Notation



Ways to visually represent
music

Hook



A term used in pop music to describe a short catchy phrase or riff that we can't stop singing; the bit that 'hooks' us in; the main musical idea from a song that we remember.

Improvise



To make up a tune and play it on the spot; there is an assumption that it can never be recreated.

Groove



The rhythmic part of the music that makes you want to move and dance.

Harmony



Different notes sung or played at the same time, to produce chords.

Ending



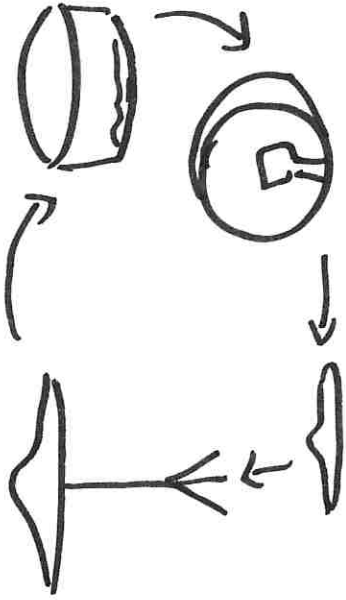
Short section which
brings the song or piece
to an end.

Ensemble



A French word used to describe playing/singing/performing together.

Drum-loops



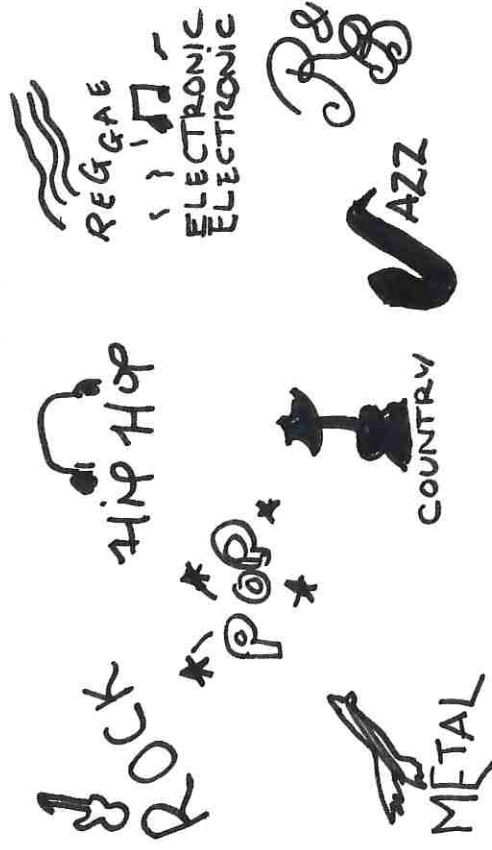
A loop is a sequence of sounds/music that is recorded, maybe sampled, and re-produced digitally or electronically.

Dynamics



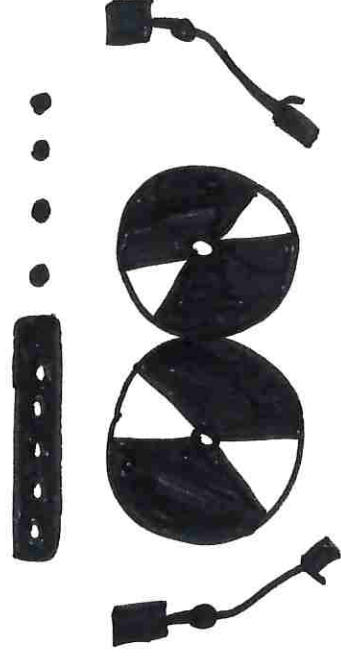
How loud or quiet the music is.

Crossover



Can be a mixture of different styles which introduces new music to different audiences.

Decks



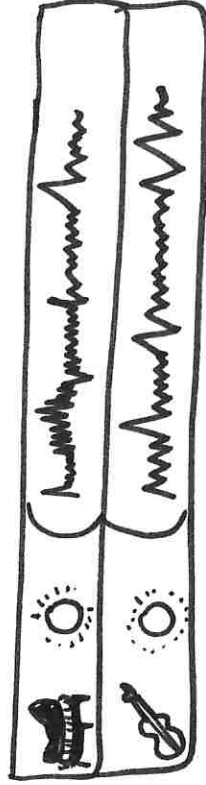
Equipment used by DJs, MCs and Rappers to mix sounds from different records and to make effects like scratching. First used in the late 1970s.

Cover



A version of a song performed by someone other than the original artist that might sound a bit - or very - different.

Composing



Creating and developing musical ideas and 'fixing' these.

Chorus

EG:

a VERSE

b CHORUS

c VERSE

b CHORUS

a b a b a b

A repeated section in a song which gives the main message.

Coda



Short section which brings the song or piece to an end.

Lyrics

La
La

The words of a song

Melody

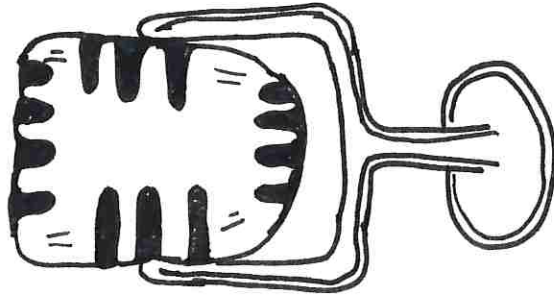


Another name for a
tune.

LMorton

Music Vocabulary Flashcards

A capella



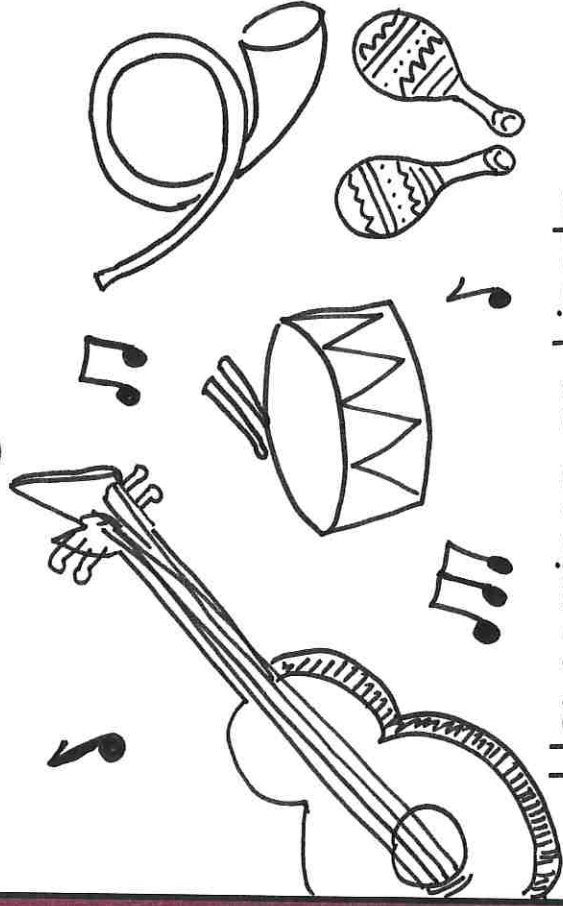
Without accompaniment from musical instruments, ie voices only

Appraising



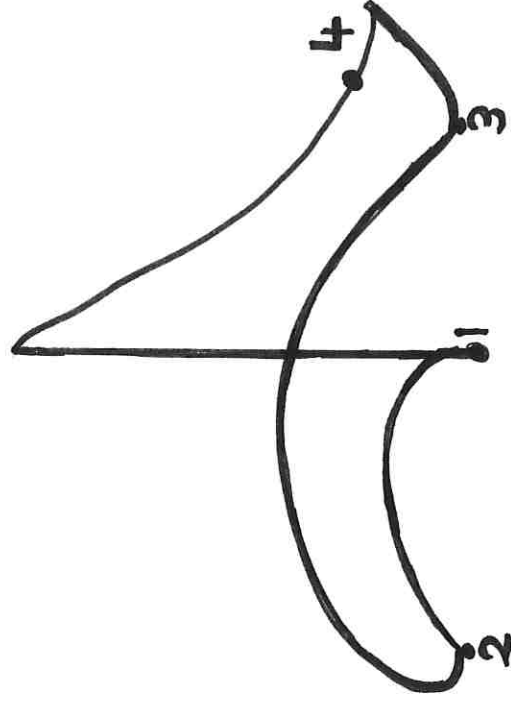
Listening carefully.

Arrangement



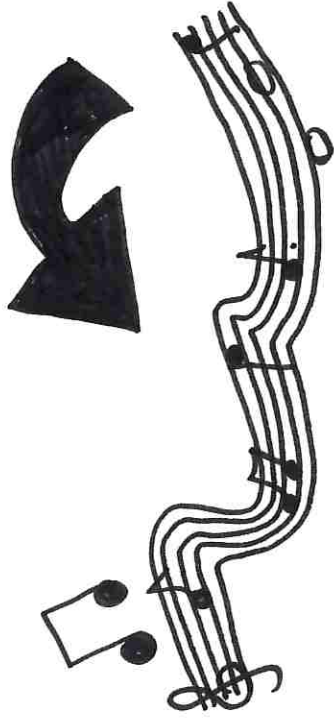
How voices and instruments are used in a song; where they occur within the song

Back beat



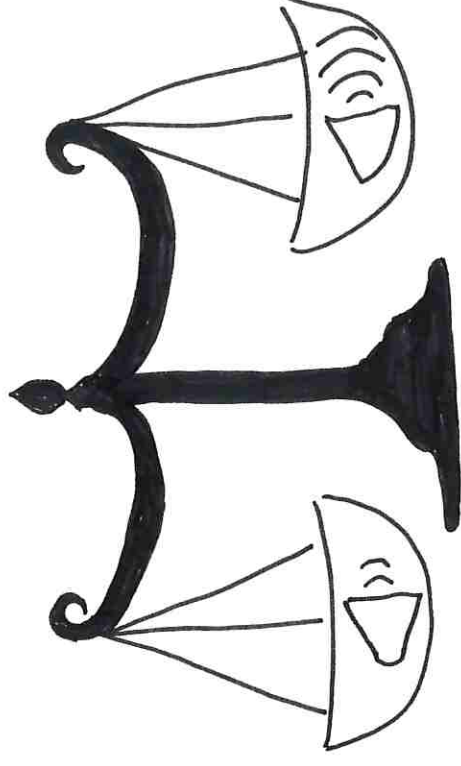
Beats 2 and 4 in a drum-line or if we are clapping along with the music.

Backing



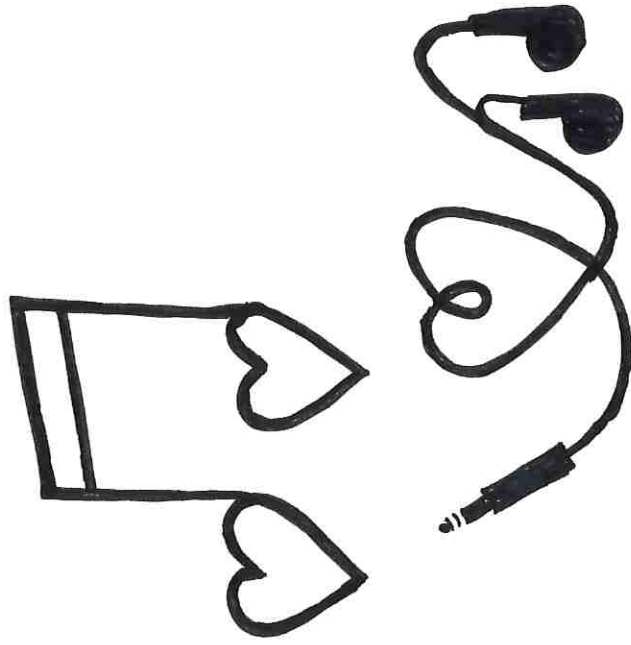
The accompaniment to a
song.

Balance



The level of volume at
which players sing or play;
if the balance is good then
everyone can be heard.

Ballad



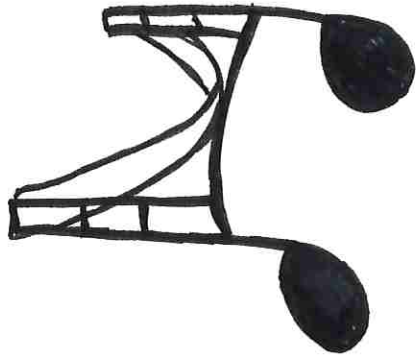
A gentle love song.

Band



Playing/singing/performing to-
gether

Bridge/middle 8



Contrasting section which leads back to main material.

Chord



More than one note played at the same time.