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Beginner lessons for Melody

Unlock the Beauty of Melody in Music Creation!

DEFINITION

> A melody is a sequence of musical notes that are perceived as a single entity. It is often the most memorable part of a song.

KEY CONCEPTS

Pitch

Pitch refers to how high or low a note sounds, which helps define the melody.

Rhythm

Rhythm is the timing of notes in a melody, creating a pattern that makes it enjoyable.

Interval

An interval is the distance between two notes, which shapes the character of the melody.

Phrase

A phrase is a musical sentence within a melody, often consisting of several notes.

Repetition

Repetition in melody helps reinforce themes and makes the music more memorable.

EXAMPLES

→ Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

→ Ode to Joy

→ Mary Had a Little Lamb

MEMORY TIPS

★ Use the acronym PRIPR: Pitch, Rhythm, Interval, Phrase, Repetition.

★ Visualize a staircase for intervals: each step represents a note's pitch.

★ Sing melodies using simple words to remember their flow.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Ignoring rhythm can make melodies sound flat.

✗ Overcomplicating melodies with too many notes.

✗ Neglecting to practice singing or playing melodies regularly.

QUICK RECAP

Melody is a sequence of notes that creates a musical idea. Focus on pitch, rhythm, and repetition to craft memorable melodies.