

Beethoven's Ode to Joy Review

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Answer the following questions about Beethoven and his music.

1. What made Beethoven's music special?

- A. He could hear perfectly
- B. He wrote joyful music
- C. He only played the piano

2. How did Beethoven's transition from Classical to Romantic music influence his compositions?

3. Beethoven wrote his 9th Symphony while he was completely deaf.

- True False

4. Psalm 100:1 encourages us to make a ____ noise to Yahweh.

5. Why do you think Beethoven wrote such joyful music?

- A. To make people sad
- B. To express his love for God
- C. To show off his skills

6. In what ways can music help us praise God?

7. Beethoven's music does not connect with themes of joy and praise.

- True False

8. The song 'Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee' is based on Beethoven's ____ to Joy.

9. What is one of the main themes of Beethoven's 9th Symphony?

- A. Sorrow
- B. Joy
- C. Anger

10. How does music help us express our feelings?

Answer Key

1. He wrote joyful music 2. Beethoven added more emotion and expression to his music, which helped it connect more deeply with listeners. 3. True 4. joyful 5. To express his love for God 6. Music can lift our spirits and help us express our love and gratitude to God through singing and worship. 7. False 8. Ode 9. Joy 10. Music allows us to share our emotions through melodies and rhythms, helping us to communicate feelings we might not express with words.