

Thunder Rolls in Song Review

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Understanding Musical Dynamics

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Answer the following questions based on our lesson about musical dynamics and the song 'How Great Thou Art.'

1. What does the term 'piano' mean in musical dynamics?

- A. Loud
- B. Soft
- C. Medium

2. In music, a ____ indicates a gradual increase in volume.

3. How can dynamics help us tell a story through music?

4. Decrescendo means to gradually decrease the volume in music.

- True False

5. Which dynamic marking means to play loudly?

- A. Forte
- B. Piano
- C. Crescendo

6. Psalm 98:4 encourages us to make a joyful noise to Yahweh and sing ____ for joy.

7. What makes a song sound powerful or gentle?

8. Dynamic markings are not important for expressing emotions in music.

- True False

9. What is the main purpose of practicing dynamics in 'How Great Thou Art'?

- A. To sing louder
- B. To sing with emotion
- C. To learn the notes

10. Dynamic markings help musicians understand how to change their ____ while playing or singing.

Answer Key

1. Soft 2. crescendo 3. Dynamics can change the intensity of the music, making it feel more emotional. For example, a soft part can express tenderness, while a loud part can show excitement or power. 4. True 5. Forte 6. praises 7. A powerful song usually has loud dynamics and strong rhythms, while a gentle song has soft dynamics and smooth melodies. The way we use dynamics in our singing affects how the music feels. 8. False 9. To sing with emotion 10. volume