

## Chapter 1

# The Elements of Music

The elements of music are the parts or features that make music sound the way it does. It is generally accepted that the principal elements of music are those related to the sound of the music - e.g. pitch, duration, intensity and timbre. Some of the larger musical elements can be broken down into smaller elements.

The elements of music may include duration - beat, rhythm, metre and tempo; pitch - melody, harmony and tonality; texture - blend and balance of musical lines; dynamics, articulation, structure, tone colour, instrumentation phrasing, improvisation, ornamentation and embellishment.

### **Element**

*A part of something*