



Dream big. Love God. Live well.

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'

Philippians 4:13

Music vocabulary and definitions

Pulse/beat:	The heartbeat or steady beat of a song/piece of music.
Rhythm	The combination of long and short sounds to make patterns.
Pitch	The range of high and low sounds.
Perform	Singing and playing instruments for others to hear
Tempo	How fast or slowly the music is played.
Dynamics	How loudly or quietly the music is being played.
Melody	Another name for tune
Improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot. <i>(There is an assumption that it can never be recreated)</i>
Compose	Creating and developing musical ideas and 'fixing' them.
Unison	Everyone plays or sings the same music at the same time.
Timbre	The quality and character of the sound of the instruments used.
Ostinato	A short repeated rhythmic or melodic pattern.
Texture	Describes the layers of sound in music.