New Trend in Music Book 3

(Teacher's Edition)

Unit 1 Song of Nature

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1. Consider the music that you have heard, fill in the following table with musical works with different musical elements (including rhythm, dynamics, tempo, timbre and articulations, etc..)

| Musical Element | Music | Mood and Atmosphere |
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| Tempo: Allegro | e.g. : Beethoven's | Awakening of cheerful |
| | Symphony No. 6, 1 st | feelings upon arrival in |
| | Movement | the country |
| Dynamic: Forte $/f$ | | |
| Articulation: Staccato | | |
| Timbre: Bright | | |
| Rhythm: Short notes | | |

1. Listen to Holst: The Planets, 4th Movement: Jupiter: Bringer of Jollity (excerpt) and answer the following questions.

- a) Describe the mood and atmosphere of the music. <u>Brilliant, powerful and</u> <u>grand</u>
- b) How did the composer create such effect by the arrangement of different musical elements?

The music started by <u>violins</u> (name of instrument) playing continuous <u>semiquaver</u> notes (lively / softly), which was then followed by <u>horns</u> (name of instrument) playing the theme with (syncopated / dotted) rhythm in the dynamic of <u>fortissimo</u>. The mood and atmosphere of <u>Brilliant, powerful and</u> grand was thus created.

- 2. Listen to Mendelssohn : Spring Song, and answer the following questions :
 a) What is the instrument used ? <u>piano</u>
 - b) Tempo of the music : <u>Allegretto</u>
 - c) Texture of the music : <u>Homophonic</u> music
 - d) How did the composer create the mood of spring? (About the melody and harmony, etc.)

The adoption of accidentals creates tension to the music which brings out the lively mood of spring. The use of arpeggio brings out the delightful mood.

e) Draw the scene of spring according to the musical elements of the music.

3. Collect a piece of music, its scores and sound files of music about the nature. Share them in class about how the musical elements create the mood and atmosphere of music.

Name of the music:

Performer(s):

Musical elements:

Mood and atmosphere created : _____

Score: