

***New Trend in Music* Book 3** (Teacher's Edition)

Unit 1 Songs of Nature

Preparatory Worksheet

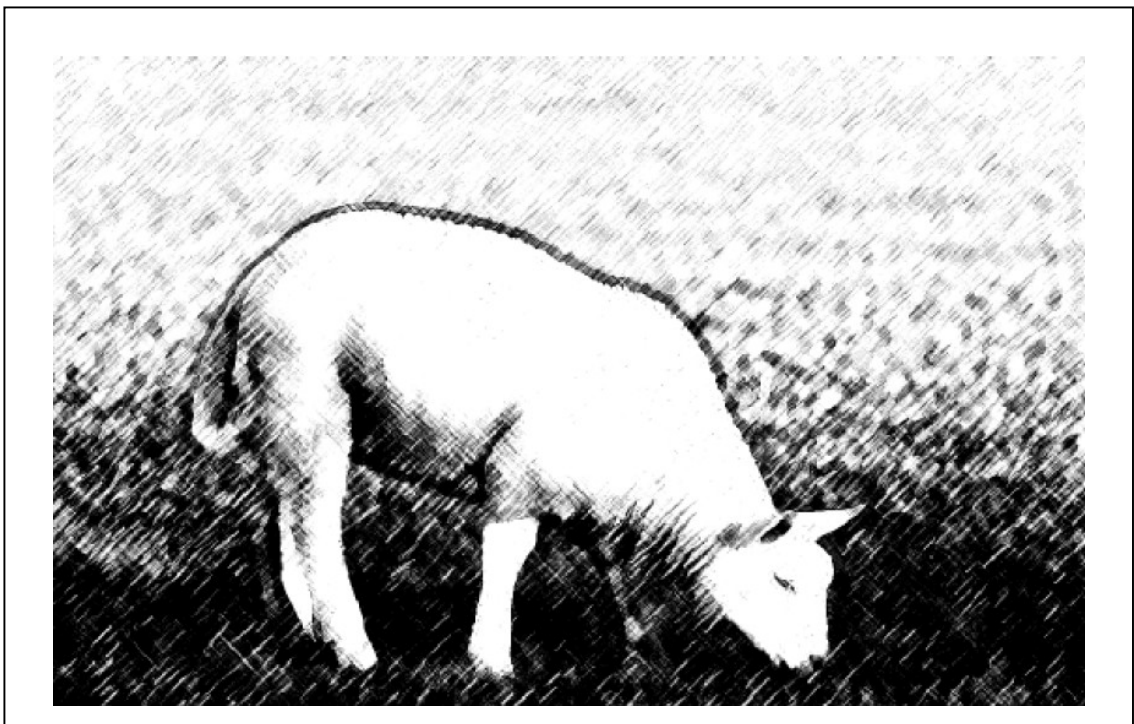
Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

1. Close your eyes and imagine that a sheep is grazing on a piece of grassland with beautiful flowers. Draw the picture in the box below and color it.

(Suggested picture)



2. How would you arrange the musical elements so as to express the above picture?

(a) tempo: Moderato

(b) metre: triple time

(c) tonality: major

(d) dynamics and dynamic change: mezzo forte, dynamics of the music stays the same

(e) instrument(s) to be used : string instruments and flute

(f) other: _____

(Suggested answer)

3. Explain your arrangement. (Suggested answer)

The picture that I imagine has a beautiful and peaceful scene, which gives a happy feeling. So the tempo I adopted is moderato. The triple time is a dancing-like time. Together with the major tonality, a happy feeling is thus created. The dynamics is of medium loud and stays the same throughout the piece of music as the sheep are grazing leisurely on the grassland. There should not be any changes in the dynamics. The reason to choose string instruments is that they create a lyrical feeling. The musical range of flute is quite high which suits the feeling of cheerfulness.

4. Divide the class into groups of 4 to 5. Compare your arrangement with that of your classmates in the same group.