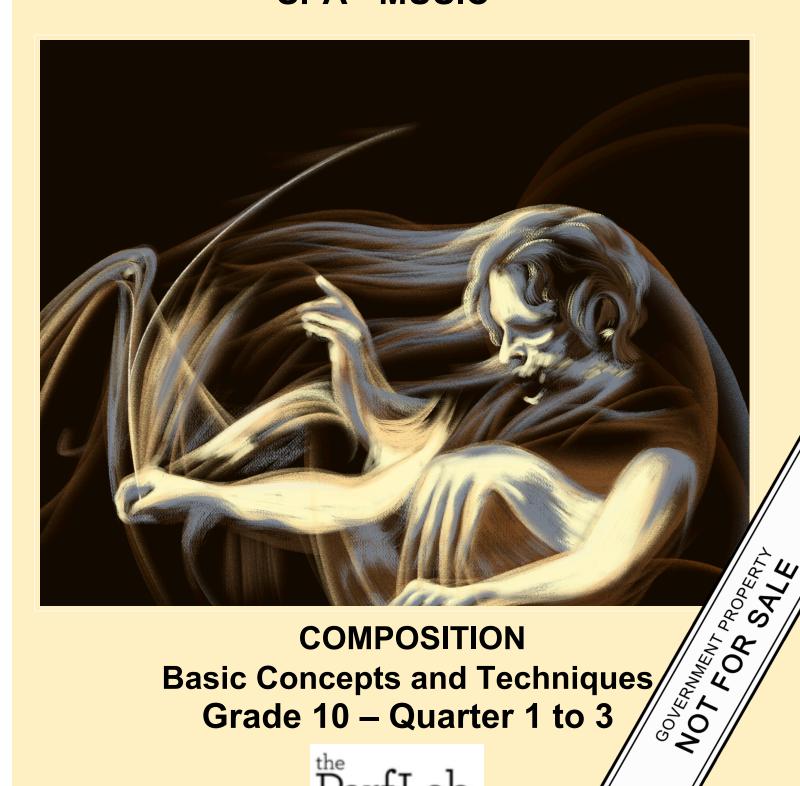
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FOREWORD

Welcome to this Learning Resource for Music.

This Learning Resource was developed by experts from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts as a reference to aid you in developing rich, meaningful, and empowering learning in the creative fields. Every effort has been exerted to produce a Self-Learning Learning Resource that incorporates the most fundamental elements and principles of each discipline, while providing a spiraled, scaffolded, and multi-sensory approach to allow you to explore your innate creativity while building discipline and rigor in your chosen discipline.

Each lecture, activity, or reflection here is designed to be meaningful. Each one designed to build from the previous one, and each one with the objective of building up for the next skill or competence. We hope that you will find these activities challenging but empowering, and that your potential as a Filipino artist and Creative is further enhanced and inspired.

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We look forward to your journey as an artist, MABUHAY!

INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

Aaron Copland once said that the true artist is the composer and all others are courtesans. The composer is the person who can absorb his environment, distill his feelings and thoughts and transform them into musical ideas.

In this Learning Resource, we will study basic techniques that composers use. We will explore technological tools that aid music writing. We will use these techniques and tools to write and arrange music.

At the end of this Learning Resource, you will be able to:

- 1. write a simple composition made up of melody and chordal accompaniment.
- 2. write a simple choral arrangement of a folk song of your choice.
- 3. use technological tools to notate music.

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BASIC COMPOSITION

Basic Concepts and Techniques

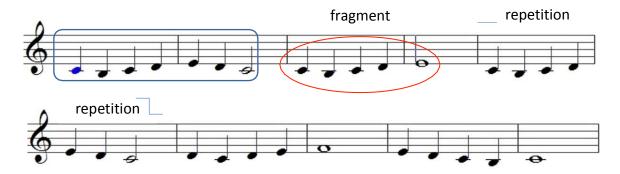
Writing music or composition may seem a difficult task. Many people think that it is atalent that one is born with or not at all. Even graduates of music would readily say, "I can play music but don't ask me to compose. I am not gifted in that direction."

The truth is, while composition is an art, writing music can also be learned. Naturally, we do not expect grandiose works at once. As The Sound of Music says, we have to start from the very beginning. Fortunately, you are grounded enough on the basics of music so it shouldprove easy for you.

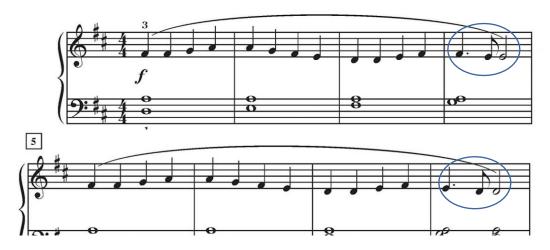
FIRST. Begin with a basic musical idea. This is called a MOTIVE.

The basic idea is a complete musical thought which can be developed further. It is made up of 2 – 4 measures depending on the tempo of the music. It is also made of more than one melodic motif. Sometimes it has a characteristic rhythm that can also serve as a motif.

Look at the example below. The complete idea is inside the box. The melody is made up of 4 notes B, C, D, and E. The same notes were rearragned and extended to F to expand the melodic idea.



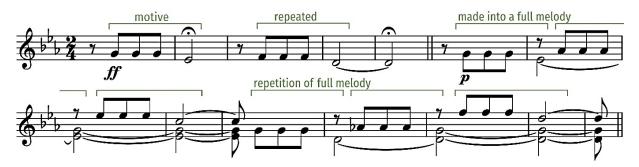
Melodic lines maybe *repeated* but given a different ending in question and answer form. Look at the theme from the 9th symphony of Ludwig van Beethoven. The melodic lines are basically the same with only three notes difference. This slight difference provides the necessary tension and relaxation needed in a composition.



Remember that a good melodic idea can give birth to many ideas. Ludwig van Beethoven's Fifth Symphony started very simply with this melodic idea.



Beethoven would use the simple idea to build a whole symphony elaborating on the motive and the melody and contrasting it with other ideas. Look at how he proceeded to build his composition.



He would continue to use the same idea for the rest of the music.



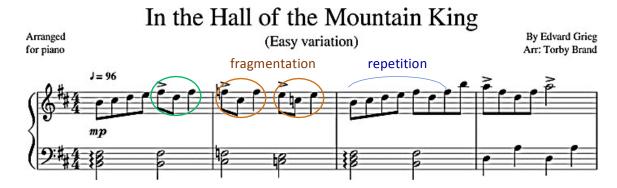
One good example of how a motive may be used is done by Edvard Grieg in his composition "In the Hall of the Mountain King" from the *Peer Gynt Suite*. The piece starts with this motive:



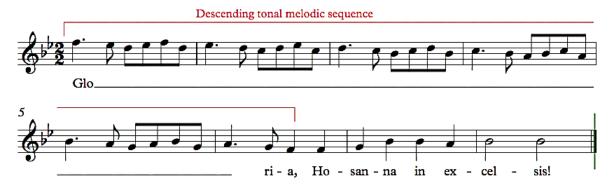
The motive will be used all throughout the piecein different ways. Notice how creatively Grieg extended his idea in the measures that follow.

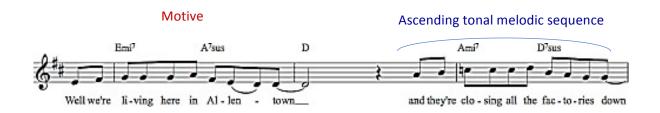
Edvard Grieg took a small part of the original motive (in green, measure 1) and repeated it in degrees (in brown, measure 2). This is called *fragmentation*, when an even smaller part of a musical idea is developed on its own.

In measure 3, he repeated the whole motive (in blue) but expanded the phrase with a different ending. *Repetition* is a compositional device that is very commonly used in different music genre.



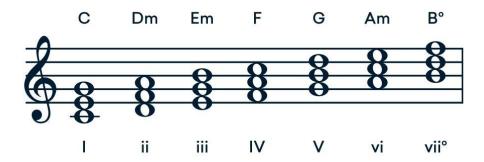
Sometimes a melody is repeated many times but at a different pitch. This is what is called a melodic *sequence*.





SECOND. If a musical idea does not come to you immediately, begin with the chords knowing that chords can be paired with so many notes. Beginning with the chords will also help you determine the tonal center or tonality of your melody.

The tonality may be major or minor. Most people would start with C major because it is the least complicated. Here are the C major chords.



The chords are named as follows:				
I	Tonic			
ii	Supertonic			
iii	Mediant			
IV	Subdominan			
V	Dominant			
vi	Submediant			
vii?	Leading Tone			
I	Tonic			

We also know that there are chord progressions that we can use such as:

$$I-IV-VI-I \hspace{1cm} I-vi-IV-V \hspace{1cm} I-V-I$$

$$iii - vi - ii - V - iii$$
 $vi - I - iii - V - vii$ - vi

You may also want to explore other chord progressions. It would be safe to begin and end with the tonic chord.

REMEMBER:

YOU CAN BEGIN WITH THE MELODIC IDEA AND WORK OUT THE CHORDS.

YOU CAN BEGIN WITH THE CHORDS AND WORK OUT THE MELODIC IDEA.

YOU CAN BEGIN WITH THE WORDS AND FIND THE MELODY AND CHORDS THAT FIT.

YOU CAN BEGIN WITH THE MUSIC AND FIND THE WORDS THAT FIT.

From our example, we can use the melody and work out the chords. You can try both sets of chords and find out what works best for your intentions. Chords carry with them a certain moodor atmosphere and you must choose what suits the melody better.



THIRD. Having decided on your basic idea and beginning chords, you can now develop theidea in different ways.

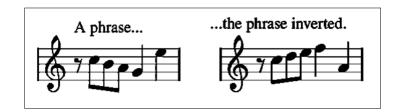
1. You can answer the basic idea by imitating it and changing the last notes.

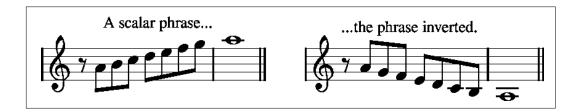


2. You can change the rhythm.



3. You can invert the melody (play it upside down).

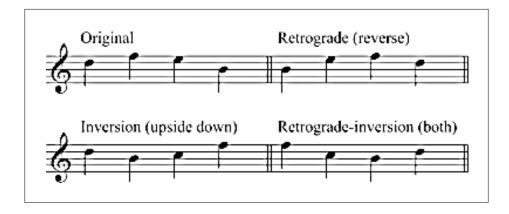




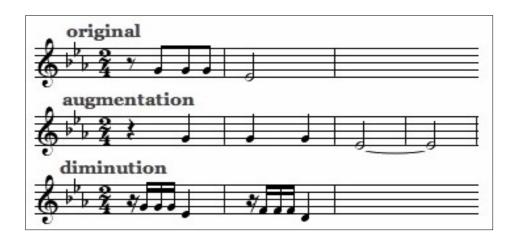
4. You can use a retrograde.



5. You can use a retrograde-inversion.



6. You can use rhythmic augmentation or diminution.



7. You can contrast the melody with another one that moves differently. Or mix-up the two melodies as in the example below.



8. Sometimes after exhausting a MOTIVE and developing it in different ways, you may want to use the whole idea again at a different mode or tonality. This can be done in two ways.

A motive in the major tonality can be restated into its relative minor tonality. Or through chordal changes, the melody in major tonality may be moved to thenext higher major tonality. This is called *transposition*.

Transposition is a favorite device in Filipino music, whether pop or choral. It is commont to find the refrain of a song restated in the next higher key. The device seem to bring the refrain to even greater heights and emotion. It is done in many ways. The usual techniques are:

- 1. to simply restate a musical idea in a new tonality, usually the next higher tonality (change from C major to D major) or
- 2. using chordal change, work out the transfer of tonality from major to minor or from one major tonality to another.

The excerpt below is taken from "Süßer Freund, du blickest." by Robert Schumann. The song started on a slightly unsettled G major tonality. It was unsettled because there were many dissonances from the beginning measures including a constant use of C# and man of the phrases ending on the dominant D major chord. Measures 98 to101 illustrate this clearly. As the music moves from measure 101 to 104, there harmony is worked out cancelling F3 in favor of Fnatural. This leads to G7 which is the dominant chord to establish a move to C major. In measure 105, the key signature makes official the shift to Fnatural and C major tonality.



If you are aiming to write a simple song, you do not need a long elaborate idea. Pop songs, for example, have simple and repetitive melodies. Two simple melodies will be enough tocreate a pop song. One idea will be the verse while the other idea will be the refrain. Sometimes even a single idea will do.

Father and Son by Cat Stevens uses the same melodic lines again and again. Its charm comesfrom the closeness of the rhythm to the words and the sincerity of the lyrics.

Father and Son by Cat Stevens

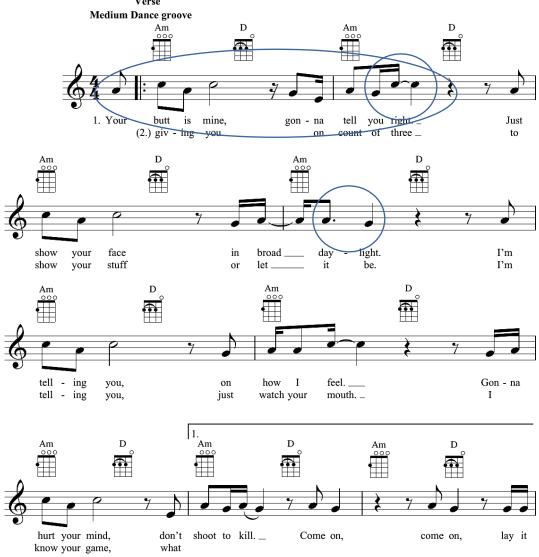


Some melodies are even more repetitive and simple. In the popular music industry, such songs are aided by complicated and catchy dance rhythms and videography. Check outthe opening verse of BAD written by Michael Jackson.

Notice that the basic melody (inside the oval) is repeated with a different ending (inside the circle) and repeated exactly on the third phrase. A variation will be done on the fourth phrase and the whole things from start to finishi will be repeated.

BAD by Michael Jackson



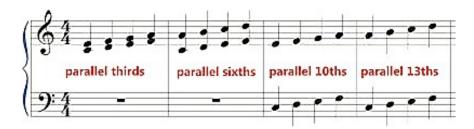


Upbeat songs will be remembered for the dance and imagery that usually accompany them. But the songs that last usually have singable melodies and words thatmatch. Melodies are embedded in the memory and it is the instant recall people have of songs.

ARRANGING MUSIC

When you ran out of fresh ideas, you can try to tweak or restate an existing piece of work. This can be done in many ways. One way is to provide a countermelody or what is commonlycalled a second voice.

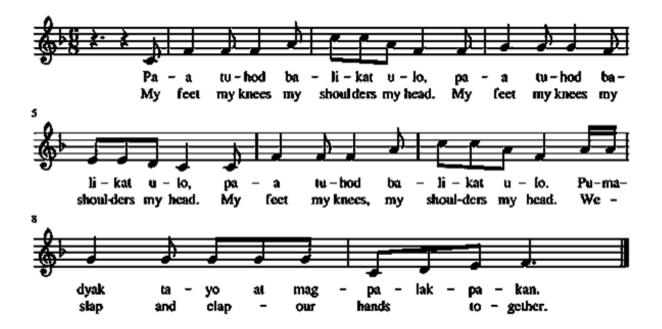
In writing a countermelody, rules in harmonizing voices must be observed carefully. If you have two voices, make sure that there is little or no parallel movement of voices. Singing in thirds is an example of parallel movement. The example below shows different versions of parallel thirds.



Many contemporary composers and arrangers break this rule but it is good to follow it and learn how to do it before breaking the rule. Try writing a second voice for bass to a melody forsoprano. Recall that the comfortable range of most male voices is C_2 to F while women can sing comfortably from A_2 to G^1 .

If you are writing a chordal harmony for four voices, make sure to write soprano and bass voices first. See to it that these two voices do not have parallel movement. Fill in the alto part. If it cannot be avoided, parallel movement maybe allowed at some point but not all the time. The last voice to be filled in will be the tenor voice.

Arrange the simple melody below to create a four-part chorus.



Since the tenor and alto ranges are quite near each other and even overlapping at some points, crossing of voices is unavoidable. Voice crossing is considered a taboo in classical counterpoint. However, modern harmony is more concerned about sound and its effect rather than rules. It is also true that sometimes each voice has a melodic line that may want preserving even if it means voices will cross.

Voice crossing is shown on the second chord below. The alto and the tenor start on the same note E on the first chord. The alto moves down to D while the tenor moves up to F# on the second chord.



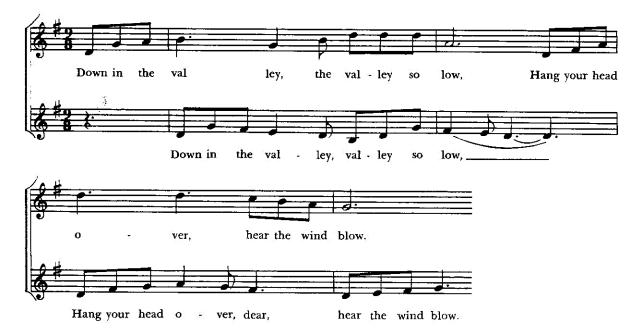
Below is the melody of Down in the Valley in three versions. The first version is the cantus firmus or the melody as it was written. The second version uses a new melody below the cantus firmus. The third version adds a chordal accompaniment to the cantus firmus. Such treatments change the texture of the music. Check Version 2 and Version 3 for parallel movement and voice crossing.

VERSION 1



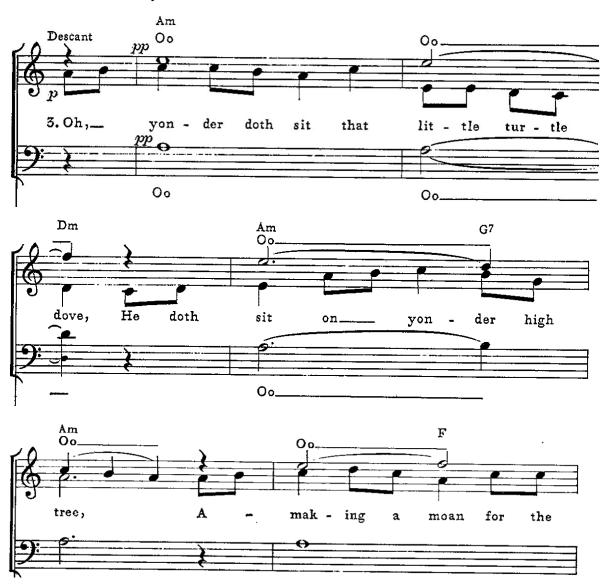
Down in the val - ley, the val - ley so low, Hang your head o - ver, hear the wind blow.

VERSION 2

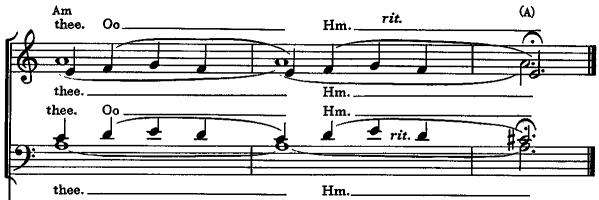




You may assign the melody to a lower voice and write a higher melody called a *descant*. A descant is one of the earlier forms of counterpoint. It used to be improvised like a burst of creative thought by singers caught in the emotion of performance. However, to protect the melody, it is best written. Study the music the excerpt taken The Turtle Dove an English folksong arranged by R. Vaughn Williams. Notice how the descant is in sustained notes whilethe melody moves constantly. Notice also how on the third system the descant moves in threequarter notes when the melody is sustained.







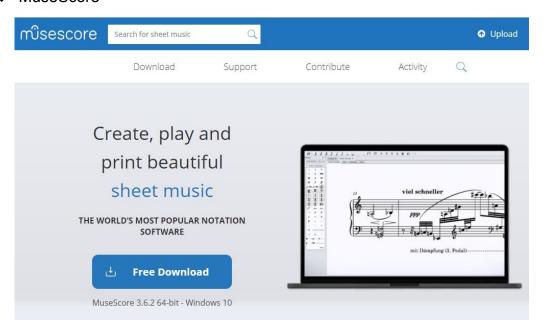
Be careful when you add a descant. Remember that the melody is still of paramount importance. The descant is higher and is bound to call attention to itself. However, it must complement the melody and make it even more beautiful in contrast. Be sure that the notes or the descant fall within the chord tones. Study how the melody is moving. Is by steps or by skips? Study the melodic rhythm. Is the rhythm regular or syncopated? Listen to the melody again and again and listen to your inner voice for a second melody that comes out of the constant listening. Then write a contrasting *descant*, contrary in motion with the melody. Work out the descant in many ways until you are satisfied that you have written the best partner to the melody. Normally, a descant is not written to last a whole section. It is written to accompany the most important melodic idea when it is restated.

There are many things that you can do to begin writing and arranging music. Knowing how to read notes and your basic theory and harmony will aid you in the process. You can do it in theold style and write your notes on music sheets or you can access software in the net and learnto write music using these applications.

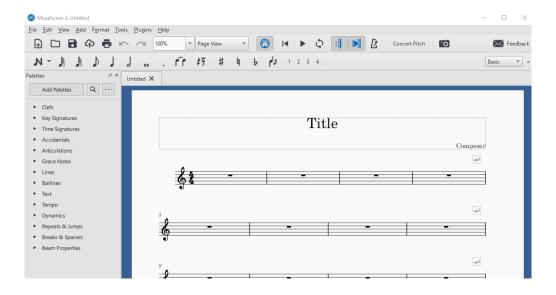
There are various applications and soft wares that can be utilized in writing music. In this digital age, devices and gadgets are considered as essential tools in learning and creating. Here are some suggested applications or soft wares that can be downloaded, paid, or installed in your laptops, computers, phones, and other devices.

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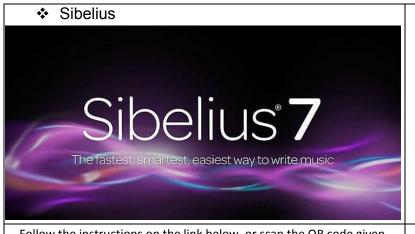


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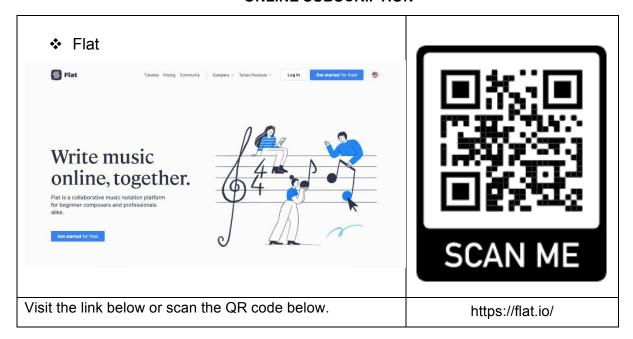
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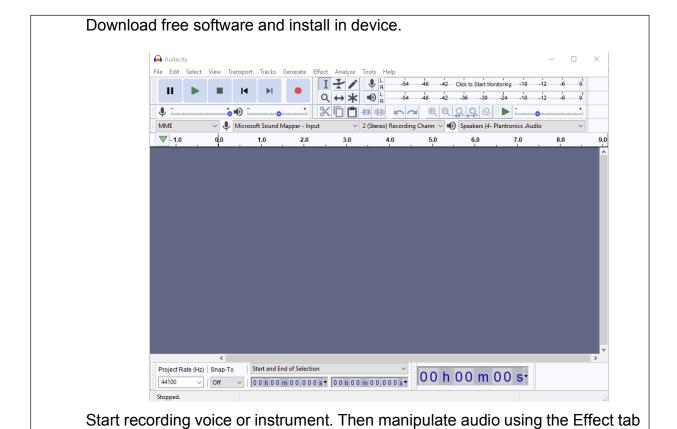
DIGITAL AUDIO WORKSPACE FOR RECORDING AND COMPOSING

Digital Audio Workspace or DAW is a software program that is utilized for producing, composing, audio editing, and recording. Other equipment can be combined with the DAW to produce and create desired music such as MIDI keyboards, audio interface for electric instruments and microphones, audio synthesizers, and more. There are various DAWs that one can choose from with varied features, but they all have the same purpose which is to make music.

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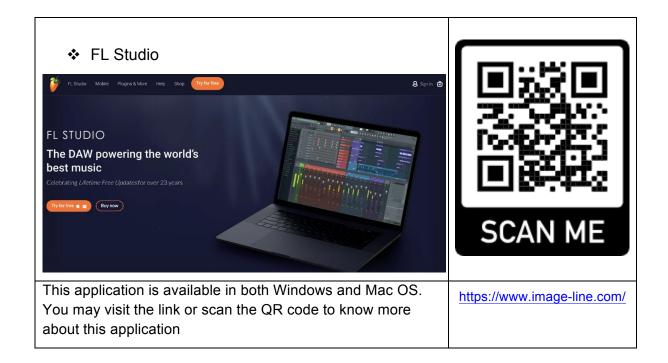
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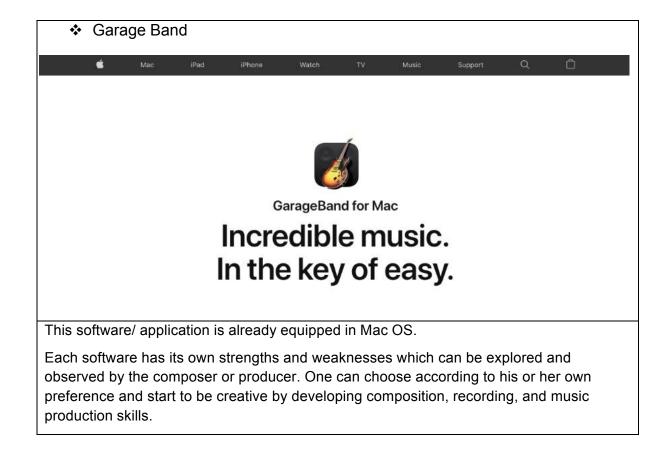


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PRACTICE.

- 1. Write a melody in 4 bars.
- 2. Create an inversion.
- 3. Create a retrograde.
- 4. Create a retrograde inversion.
- 5. Repeat the melody and give it a different ending.
- 6. Create a rhythmic diminution of the first melody.
- 7. Create a rhythmic augmentation of the first melody.
- 8. Answer the first melody with a completely second melody.
- 9. Assign the chords.

TRY THIS:

Create a 12-bar or a 16-bar melody that begins and ends with the tonic. Assign the chords, then arrange the voices according to the chord progression. Add a descant.

Write the words that fit the melody. This will be the basis of a larger work, a complete song for example.

Terms to Remember:

Directions: Identify what is being described. Choose the answers from the box.

cc	onjunct	retrograd	le motif	rhythmic diminution	chord progression			
in	version	disjunct	melody	rhythmic augmentation	retrograde-inversion			
1.	is the succession of tones that have rhythm.							
2.		a previously or						
	simultaneously stated line							
3.			is when a mu	usical line which is the reve	rse of a previously or			
	simultane	eously stated lin	ie is written u	pside down in pitch.				
4.			is the type of	melody whose tones move	up or down the scalein			
	connected whole or half steps							
5.		is the compositional device where a melody, theme or motif is						
	presented in shorter note-values than were previously used.							
6.	is a short <i>musical</i> phrase, a recurring figure or <i>musical</i>							
	fragment or succession of notes that has some special importance in or is characteristic of							
	acompos	ition.						
7.			is a successi	on of <u>chords</u> that became th	ne foundation of			
	<u>harmony</u> in Western musical tradition from the <u>common practice era</u> of <u>Classicalmusic</u>							
	to the 21s	st century.						
8.			is when all th	e notes of a given melody a	re written upside downon			
	the staff creating a mirror-image.							
9.			is when all of	the note values in a given i	melody are increasedby			
	an equal							
10.			_is the type o	f melody whose tones move	up or down the scale in			
	leaps of f	eaps of fourths to octaves or even greater interval.						

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