

## Words About Music pt. II

### WORD

### DEFINITION

melody	a combination of pitches in rhythm, creating a tune
unison	(1) all parts singing the same pitch, or (2) the interval of the same note
harmony	a different set of pitches in rhythm, accompanying a main tune or melody
downbeat	the first beat of a measure (beat 1); typically the strongest beat
interval	the distance between two pitches -- (ex: the interval between do and re is a second. The interval between do and mi is a third. The interval between do and fa is a fourth)
tonality	the organization of all the tones and harmonies of a piece of music in relation to a tonic pitch, or key "center"
modulation	changing from one key to another. Frequently results in music moving upward, and is musically climactic
chord	the sounding of two or more notes simultaneously--typically at least three
chord progression	the "building blocks" of musical motion
phrase	a single musical unit or thought; a <i>dependent</i> division of music, compared to single line of poetry -- it does not have a sense of completion in itself
syncopation	temporary shifting of rhythmic accent FROM the strong beats TO THE offbeats or weak beats

