

The Phrase

A *phrase* is a musical idea or thought.

A phrase is often shown in the music with a slur, also called a **phrase mark**.

Think of a phrase as a musical sentence and each note in the phrase as a word.



Shaping the Phrase

When we speak a sentence, our voice rises and falls with expression.

- Use and to shape the phrases. The red and blue colors will guide you.

Ode to Joy

from the 9th Symphony

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770–1827, Germany)
arranged

Joyfully

mp
1st phrase

3 on ___? 5 4 3 2 1 3

5

mp
2nd phrase

3 on ___? 5 2 1 2 1

3 4 5 2 3 2 3

9

p 3rd phrase *mf*

1

13 *f* 4th phrase *move higher*

17 *mf*

21 *mf* *move lower*

25 *p* *mf*

29 *f* *rit.*

