

# Expression in Your Music

**Listen** to this song. What feelings, or emotions, do the words communicate? How does the music reflect these feelings? One way music suggests feelings is with **dynamics**.

**Dynamics** are the different levels of loudness and softness of sound.



## The Language of Expression

Musicians usually use Italian words when they talk about dynamics.

*p* (piano) = soft

*mp* (mezzo piano) = medium soft

*mf* (mezzo forte) = medium loud

*f* (forte) = loud

< (*crescendo*) = gradually louder

> (*decrescendo*) = gradually softer

Use dynamics while you **sing**

"Put a Little Love in Your Heart."



## Put a Little Love in Your Heart

Words and Music by Jimmy Holiday, Randy Myers, and Jackie De Shannon

**VERSE**

*G*

1. Think of your fel - low man, lend him a help - ing hand,  
2. An - oth - er day goes by, and still the chil - dren cry,  
3. Take a good look a - round, and if you're look - ing down,

*C* *G*

Put a lit - tle love in your heart.

*G*

If

You see, it's get - ting late, oh, please don't hes - i - tate,  
you want the world to know, we won't let ha - tred grow,  
I hope when you de - cide, kind - ness will be your guide,

*C* *G* **REFRAIN**

Put a lit - tle love in your heart. And the world

*G* *Am* *D* *G*

will be a bet - ter place, And the world will be a

*Am* *D* 1., 2.

bet - ter place for you and me. You just wait

3. *D*

and see. You just wait and see.

*mf* 1st time, *p* 2nd time, *f* last time

*D* *C* *G*

Put a lit - tle love in your heart.

**Video Library** View and listen to another version of "Put a Little Love in Your Heart," as performed by the Total Experience Gospel Choir on the *Singing Styles* video.

