Create a Soundtrack for a Piece of Film

A soundtrack is a piece of music that goes with a film or television show. Many soundtracks are as famous as the films they are from.

A good soundtrack matches the film it is about. It does this by using music elements. These include:

- **tempo.** This means the speed of the music. An exciting adventure film might have music with a fast tempo. A serious, sad film might have music with a slow tempo.

- **pitch.** This is whether the notes are high or low. If the film is about a large creature or a big spaceship, lots of low notes might be used. A film about fairies or insects might have music with lots of high notes.

- **dynamics.** This means whether music is loud or quiet (the musical word for quiet is 'soft'). Loud music might show something exciting is happening. Quiet music might show a sad event, or maybe even something scary. Music starting quietly and getting louder (the musical term for this is 'crescendo') could show that the main point of the film is happening.

- **pulse.** The steady beats in a piece of music. A film about soldiers could have a steady marching beat played on a drum.

- **duration.** This is the length of notes being played. Short notes could suggest film characters running around. Long notes might suggest a king or queen moving in a stately manner.

Your task:

Choose a scene from a film you enjoy watching and create a soundtrack for it. Try watching the scene with no sound on to pay attention to the actors' faces and body language. This will give you a sense of what the scene is really about. You don't need to be able to play an instrument. You could use different percussion instruments. 'Percussion' means an instrument which makes a noise when you hit it. You could even try making your own percussion instruments. There are also computer programs for creating music. Why not try using one of those if you have access to one?