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

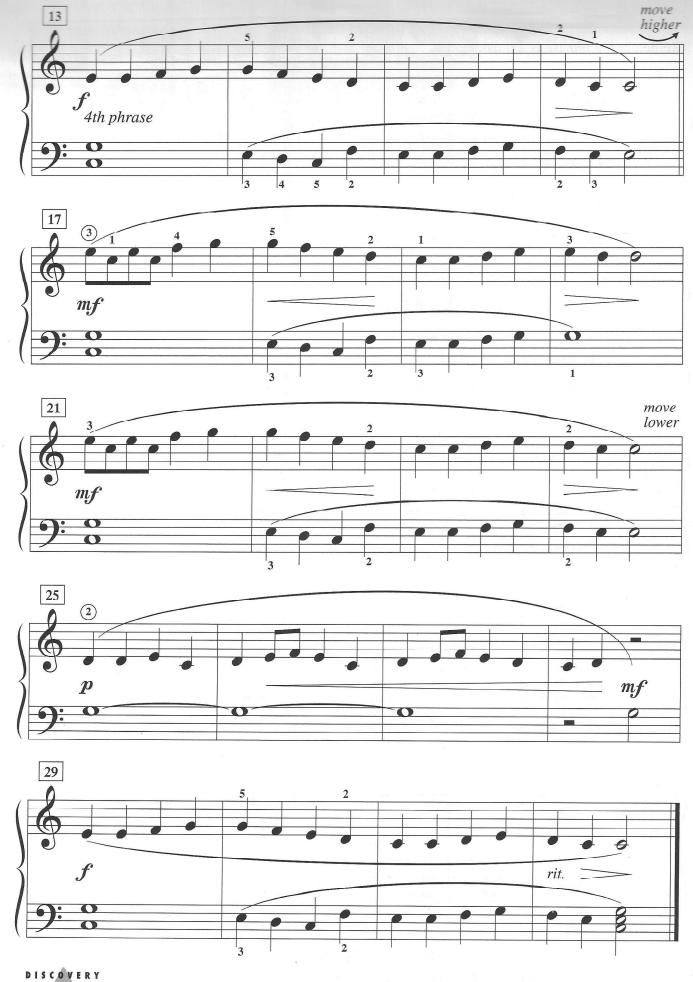
When we speak a sentence, our voice rises and falls with expression.

• Use ____ and ___ to shape the phrases. The red and blue colors will guide you.

Ode to Joy

from the 9th Symphony





Can you play measures 1-16 with your eyes on the music (not looking at your hands)?