

D: Descent

noun

1. the act or fact of descending.
2. a downward inclination or slope.
3. a passage or stairway leading down.
4. derivation from an ancestor; extraction; lineage.
5. any passing from higher to lower in degree or state.
6. a sudden incursion or attack.

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Speaker's commentary

Descent is associated with death and loss. In music, a simple way to represent descent is the use of scales going down by step. As the scales go down, we experience a sense of falling and heaviness.

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