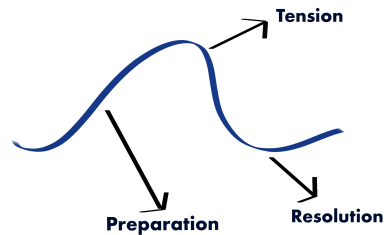
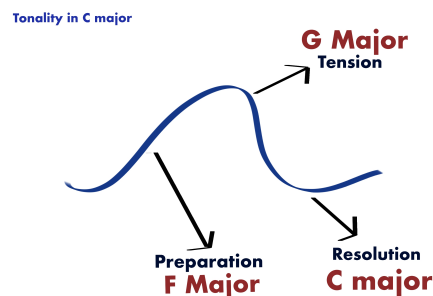


What is tonal music?

We can understand tonal music as movement. Look the picture bellow:



In tonal music we have chords that sound like resolution. Normally is the chord that starts and ends a song. For example, if your song is in C major your "resolution chord" will be C major. We also have chords that sound like preparation. In another words, they don't sound dissonant (tension) but also you couldn't use them to finish a song. If you are in C major, the "preparation chord" will be F major. Finally we have the "tension chords". If you play a chord progression in C major and finish your song with this type of chord, your song will sound unfinished because this chord creates tension. In C major the chord for tension is G major. Take a look again at our diagram:



Try to play this chord progressions:

1) C | F | G | C

2) C | G | F | G

3) C | F | G | F

Which progression sounds the most conclusive? The next chapter we will discuss about this And we will also learn which chord we can substitute for other chords.