

Instrument	Primary Mood	Secondary Emotion	Music Search Keywords (Epidemic)	SFX / Sound Design Keywords
Solo Piano (slow)	Sadness	Intimacy, Reflection	sad piano, emotional piano, minimal piano	soft room tone, distant ambience
Piano (repeating)	Urgency	Anxiety, Time pressure	pulsing piano, tension piano	ticking, subtle riser
Violin (high)	Longing	Vulnerability	emotional violin, lyrical strings	soft whoosh, air movement
Cello / Viola (low)	Tension	Pain, Depth	dark cello, low strings	low drone, rumble
Low String Ostinato	Danger	Suspense	string pulse, cinematic tension	heartbeat, ticking
French Horn	Heroic	Noble, Emotional	heroic horn, epic brass	brass swell, impact
Low Brass	Threat	Villain energy	ominous brass, dark brass	sub boom, metal hit
Brass Hits / Braams	Power	Shock	trailer brass, braam	cinematic hit, bass drop
Analog Synth Pad	Mystery	Nostalgia	analog synth pad, atmospheric	ambient drone
Synth Arpeggiator	Motion	Curiosity	synth arp, evolving pulse	digital riser
Distorted Synth / Bass	Rage	Chaos	aggressive synth, dark bass	distortion hit

Taiko / Epic Drums	Scale	War, Power	epic drums, taiko	big drum hit
Soft Percussion (ticks)	Suspense	Focus	ticking percussion, minimal pulse	clock tick
Flute	Innocence	Calm, Wonder	soft flute, peaceful	wind chime
Solo Woodwind	Loneliness	Fragility	lonely woodwind, sparse	empty room tone
Choir (low)	Doom	Fate	dark choir, cinematic choir	choir swell
Choir (high)	Hope	Transcendence	angelic choir, uplifting choir	airy rise
Vocal (soft / breathy)	Pain	Intimacy	haunting vocal, emotional vocal	breath, reverse whoosh
Drone (sound design)	Fear	Anticipation	dark drone, ambient tension	low hum
Riser (sound design)	Build	Suspense	cinematic riser	whoosh rise
Impact / Boom	Emphasis	Power	cinematic hit, sub impact	bass drop

mood to emotion mapping:

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Build	Suspense
Emphasis	Power