The 5 SPEEDS OF BREATHING

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Catch

Used for emotional impact ONLY....and is not to be used in places that require air.

CB = Catch Breath QB = Quick Breath TB = Tempo Breath SB = Slow Breath DB = Delay Breath

Quick

Used within passages which are increasing in tempo (@ coming out of a bump-andgrind, etc...) This type of breath is **always preceded by an INCREASE IN VOLUME** and is designed to give the feeling that the music is "going somewhere". Forward motion is easily achieved with the effective use of this breath.

Tempo

Used in both UPTUNESAND BALLDS, this breath has a measured space and time to be taken....**within the tempo of the song**. This breath is critical to driving uptunes...and offers creative variance when used in ballads as well.

Slow

Also used for emphasis and emotional impact. **The entire space between previous phrase and new phrases** is used for breathing. This breath is **TAKEN OUT OF TEMPO INTENTIONALLY** and requires a ritard on the phrase before it is taken.

Delay

Usually used at **emotional high point** of song and/or for **setting apart from chorus or verse.** This breath offers a **DEFINITIVE WHITE SPACE**...then...**breath is taken in tempo of next passage.**

Remember...

Breathe....while lip-synching a word!! (A wonderful Technique for Stagger Breathing and Maintaining Consistency!!)