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**School:** Emerson Middle School  
**Subject:** Beginning Chorus  
**Grade Level:** 6-8  
**Date of Lesson Taught:** 3/5/15  
**Lesson Plan No.:** 3  
**Song:** "Autumn"

### **Objectives**

1. Students will know their entrances for their respective parts and be able to sing them confidently.
2. Students will learn to sing in a legato manner and be able to do so in the context of a song.

### **Procedure**

1. Have the students practice going from a relaxed to a ready to sing position. Make sure they have all eyes on you and can see you even when looking at the music.
2. Start from the piano introduction and provide a very clear breath for when the parts should enter.
  - a. If not enough sound from the class, restart and make sure students have eyes up and are attentive.
3. Attempt going through entire song unless it completely crashes and burns.
  - a. If needed, correct pitches with an efficient call-and-response in two-bar phrases.
4. Work on the section starting at the upbeat to measure 25.
  - a. Make sure altos are listening and are not entering before the sopranos.
5. Legato singing (if time remains)
  - a. Have the students imagine the smooth path that leaves travel as they fall off the leaves to the ground.
  - b. Have students sing the first melody line with only vowel sounds, connect each word to the next.
  - c. Then add in the consonants again, and keep the image of the falling leaves. Have them do a hand motion as they sing.