

Examples in God's Word: (Music is not synonymous with worship.)

Secular songs:

Genesis 4:23-24 – Lamech's song, boasting of violence

At family gatherings:

Genesis 31:27 – Laban's desire to send Jacob's family off with singing

For military celebration:

Judges 11:34 – Jephthah's daughter emerges to celebrate her father's victory

Harem, court music:

Ecclesiastes 2:8 – Solomon's royal court housed a royal choir

Laments of death:

II Samuel 1:17 – David sings a dirge because of Saul and Jonathan's deaths

Incantation:

Joshua 6:4-20 – Israel shouts to cause the walls of Jericho fall.

While they work:

Numbers 21:17-18 – Israel digs a well

So what kind of music drives our worship? It is consistent with the Spirit and Truth:  
John 4:24.

1. The lyrics must bring glory to God
  - \* The song doesn't necessarily have to be to God
  - \* The song does have to be for God
2. The accompaniment must bring glory to God
  - \* The elements of music direct us to God
  - \* The accompanist is overshadowed by the music
3. The music should fuel, not extinguish our glory to God
  - \* Volume, dynamics, and sound quality of the instrument
  - \* Humility, reverence, and sincerity of the instrumentalist