



What is *syncopation*?

Syncopation, from *συν κοπῶ* (*sūn koptō*) *to cut off with*, is the sounding a note on an unaccented or weak part of a bar and prolonging it over the next accented or stronger part of the same bar, or even of the next bar. Example:—



A whole phrase is sometimes *syncopated*, thus:—

