

Music

How do we decide how to structure a composition so that it has a sense of direction?

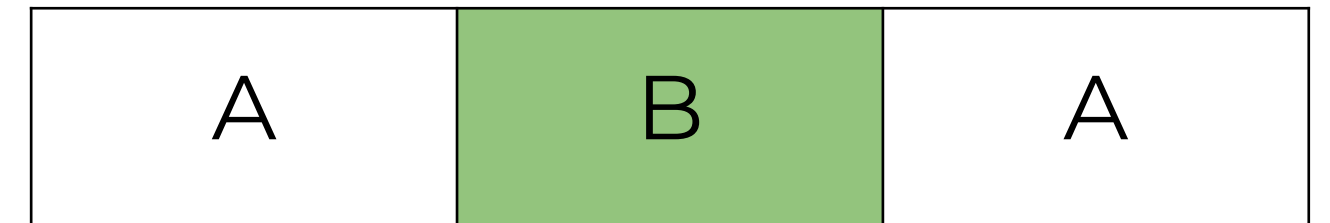
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Western Structures

Ternary

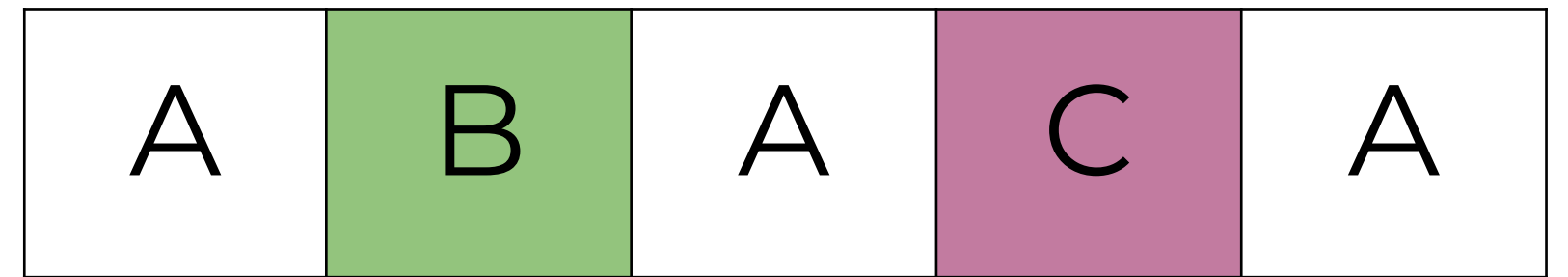
ABA - A three part structure with an opening section (A) that repeats after a contrasting (B) section.



Western Structures

Rondo

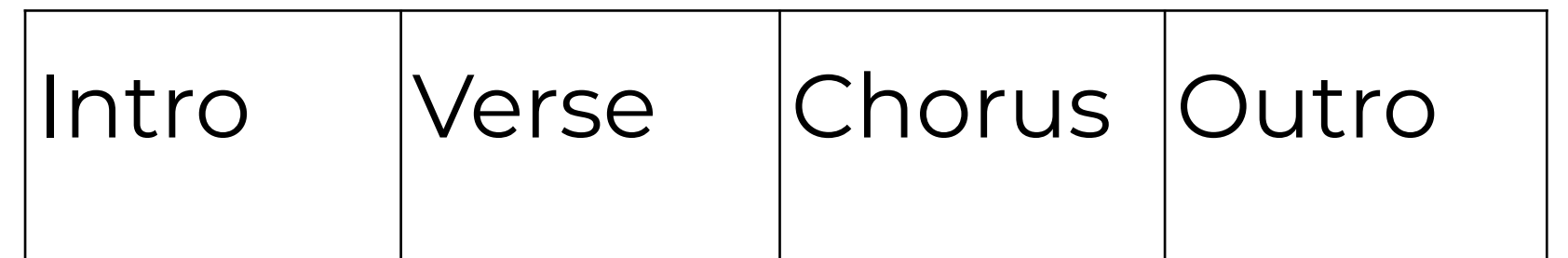
ABACA - A structure that alternates between a **refrain** section and contrasting 'episodes'.



Western Structures

Song form

A popular structure used in modern pop songs that contains an introduction, verse, contrasting repeating chorus and an outro.



Listening activity:

Stand up when you hear the B section and sit down when you hear the A section.

What is the structure of the music?

Ternary

Rondo

Song Form

What might happen if the piece ended after section B?



What was the question?

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A structure with three sections (ABA)

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The introduction and outro sections

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It gives the music a sense of direction (beginning, middle, end)



What was the question?

What is a ternary form?

A structure with three sections (ABA)

What sections usually open and close a song?

The introduction and outro sections

Why is structure important in music?

It gives the music a sense of direction (beginning, middle, end)



Improvisation	Start signal	Stop signal	Ostinato Polyrhythms	Ostinato	Call + Response	Singing
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Why are these structures not effective?



Start signal

Stop signal

**Ostinato
Polyrhythms**

Improvisation

**Call +
Response**

Singing

Arrange the sections into a full structure.

Write a justification for you choices.

Ostinato



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Strong opening

The start of any piece of music should grab the audience's attention and set the scene for the rest of the piece.

Contrasting middle section

A contrasting B section adds interest and ensures the listener does not get bored!

Closure

The ending should draw the piece of music to a close. It should sound 'finished'.

