

Music

 Topic: Purcell – Music for a while – Context, structure, sonority, melody.
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1. Context and structure				2. Melody				4. Key vocabulary			
	Henry Purcell	Famous English Baroque composer, born in 1659 in London and died in 1695 in London, being buried by the Organ of Westminster Abbey. Wrote works in lots of styles, with French, Italian and English influences. Most famous English composer until Elgar almost 300 years later!	1	ins		e span of notes possible on an trument/voice. The Soprano uses the nge of a 9 th .	1	Baroque period	Era in Western music between 1600 and 1750. Composers included Bach, Vivaldi and Handel.		
			2	Conjunct	Me	elody that moves by mainly by step.		Ground bass	A general term referring to the part played by a low-pitched		
1			3	Passing notes		tra melody notes added between notes the chord. E.g. bar 5.	2		instrument or the lowest part in choral music. This repeats throughout the piece.		
			4	Leaps	1	mps between the notes, in this piece no ater than a perfect 4 th .		Basso	A type of instrumental accompaniment, common in Baroque music, played by organ, harpsichord or cello. Keyboard players often added		
			3	Sequenc e	hig	notif or phrase which is repeated at a ther or lower pitch. E.g. descending quence in bar 20.	3	continuo			
2	Da capo aria	A song in ternary form, with the returning A		Orname	Term for types of musical decoration,				chordal harmonies.		
		section being decorated.	4	ur	up	ncluding trills (b.13), grace notes (b.6), upper (b.22) and lower (b.1) mordents,	4	Moveme nt	An independent section in a longer piece of music. Our piece is the 2 nd		
3	Introduc tion	Opening of a piece of music – Bar 1-3				ciaccaturas and appoggiaturas (b.35)			of four movements.		
4	Section A	From bar 4-15.	5	5 instr conv		When the melody is passed around the nstruments quickly, like they are having a conversation. Happens between voice and narpsichord.		Ternary Form	A three-part (ABA) form where the A section is heard twice and the B section consists of contrasting musical material.		
5	Section	From bar 15-28.									
-	B Section	From bar 29-38.	3.	Sonority – H	low	the instruments are used		Aria	A song, usually found within a		
4	A ¹			Harpsichor d		Baroque keyboard instrument, used to play the ground bass, chords and	6		larger work, such as an opera or oratorio.		
5	Ground bass	This ground bass is 3 bars long, uses quavers, generally rises and features a sequence.	1			melody.		Figured	A type of Baroque musical		
			2	Bass viol Voice		Used to play the ground bass. The main soloist. Originally a tenor but our version is a soprano.		bass	shorthand where numbers are written below a continuo part to indicate the harmonies.		
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Other baroque composers to listen to. William Byrd. J.S. Bach. G.F. Handel. Antonio Vivaldi.

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5. Text setting and word painting.			7 Harmony and tonality				8. Key vocabulary		
1	Syllabic	Singing only one note per syllable. Majority of piece.		A minor	A sad sounding key, the main key in the piece.		Melody domina ted homop hony	Melody and accompaniment. The accompaniment is the ground bass.	
2	Melisma tic	Singing technique where two or more notes are sung on one syllable. E.g. wond'ring in B.10 and eternal in		Tonal ambigui ty	When chromatic notes are added to make the listener unsure of the key. This happens in the ground bass throughout.	1			
3	Paired slurring's	B.20. One syllable over two notes e.g. B.5. on for and a.		Related keys	Keys that share similar sharps and flats. These were common keys to modulate to in the Baroque period. E minor (dominant – bar 14) G major (relative major of E minor b.16) C major (sub dominant of G in b.21)		Counter point	The combination of two or more independent melodic lines. The right hand of the harpsichord create counterpoint with the voice.	
4	Repetition n of text	message. E.g. Drop in bars 23-25.		Diatonic	A major (tonic major in b.23) and E minor in bar 27. Most of the chords come from the key and don't	2			
5	Word painting example	Pains (b.12 with dissonance). Eas'd (b.13 with resolving dissonance) Wond'ring (b.10 with long melisma that goes up and down). Eternal (b.20 with long melisma).		Function al	use any accidentals, unless modulating. All of the chords have a musical function, they aren't there for decoration.				
	S.			Dissona nce	When the harmonies clash. E.g. Bar 12 D in bass and E in the voice.	3	Realisat ion	Musicians interpreting the	
6. 1		Tempo, metre and rhythm 4/4 4 crotchet beats per bar.			Chords that have the root note at the bottom of the		Word	figured bass. Feature of vocal	
2	Rhyth	The types of notes featured in the piece - this features quavers and semiquavers.		position First inversio n chords	chord. E.g. a C chord would have the C in the bass. Chords that have the third of the scale at the bottom of the chord. E.g. a C chord would have an E in the bass.	4	painting		
3	rhyth	note that is held for its full length olus an extra half. E.g. bar 10 in the		Perfect cadence	A phrase that ends with chord V, followed by chord I to make the piece sound finished.				
4	Synco pation	voice. Rhythmic device where a note is stressed on a weak beat or between beats. E.g. Bar 20 and 24.		False relation	The sounding of two different versions of the same note in two different parts at the same time, or just after. E.g. F# in bass and F in harpsichord in bar 1.	5	Slow	A tempo marking to show the music is to be played slowly.	

Wider listening: For other pieces by Purcell listen to Dido and Aeneas, Hear my prayer, O Lord, King Arthur and The Fairy-Queen