

Music



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1. Context and structure				2. N	1elody			4. Key vocabulary				
	John Williams	Famous American film composer. Works with Lucas and Spielberg. Writes in late romantic style. Person who		1	Fanfare like	Opening three bars, use intervals of 4ths and 5ths and 7ths to achieve this.		1	Film music	A wide genre of music, featuring many different styles of music. This piece has influences from the Romantic period.		
1	Herbert			2	Main theme A Stepwise Leaps		4 bar idea that balances stepwise movement with leaps. Starts in bar 4.					
				3			Melody moving from one note to the next in the scale	2	Diegetic music	Music which comes directly from the characters or the action in films.		
				4			Jumps between the notes, in this piece no grater than a perfect 4 th .	3	Non- diegetic music	Music which doesn't come directly from the characters or the action in films.		
2	Spencer	orchestrated the music		3	Sequence		A motif or phrase which is repeated at a higher or lower pitch. E.g. Strings in bar 32.	4	Orchestra tor	The art of writing or arranging music for a variety of instruments		
3	Introduc tion	Opening of a piece of music –		4	Heroic feel		Use of the interval of a perfect 5 th to create triumphant sounds. Used in main melody.	5	Through- compose	, Music that is written to develop alongside the action in the film.		
		Bar 1-3 Fanfare	_	5	Main theme B Contrary motion		4 bar idea, less forceful, starts with anacrusis step		d			
4	Section	From bar 4-11.					wise, with rising sixth. Starts in bar 11.		Leitmotif	A short musical idea linked to a		
\square	A	From bar 11-20.		6			Where one part goes up, while another goes down. E.g. bar 18.			person, place or feeling.		
5	Section B	FIOID DAT 11-20.		3. S	. Sonority – How the instruments are used				March	Music with a strong rhythmic beat designed to synchronise walking		
4	Section	From bar 21-29		1	Wood		ccolo, 3 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, bass clarinet, 2		ļ	steps, often used in military music.		
4	A ¹						bassoons.		Fanfare	Ceremonial music usually played by trumpets or other brass instruments		
5	Link	From bars 30-35.		2	Brass	4 horns, 3 trumpets, 3 trombones and tuba.		8		to announce the arrival of an		
6	С	From bars 36-38.		3	Percus sion		mpani, triangle, snare, tam-tam, glockenspiel, praphone, cymbals, piano and celeste.	9		important person or the start of an event.		
7	Link	From bars 39-41		4	String s	Vi	olins 1 and 2, Viola, Cello, double bass and harp.		Codetta	Small ending of a section/piece.		
8	March	From bars 42-50		5	Unusu al		voids electronic effects and synths, which was nusual at the time.	1 0	Orchestra	A large group of performers playing a variety of instruments.		
9	Codetta	From bars 51-60			<i></i>							

Other film composers to listen to. Howard Shore, Hans Zimmer and Danny Elfman.

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5. T	exture		7	Harmon	y and tonality	8.	Key vocabu	ary
1	Chordal / Tutti	A musical texture where the parts move together at the same time, e.g. a hymn. Bar 44-50 show this really well.	1	Bb majo r	A happy sounding key with 2 flats, the main key.	1	Melody dominat ed homoph	Melody and accompaniment. For example bar 4 onwards.
2	Arpeggio/Tria dic	A chord whose notes are sounded separately, rather than simultaneously, and usually heard in an ascending or descending flow. Theme A and B use this.	2	Tona I ambi	When chromatic notes are added to make the listener unsure of the key. This happens from bar 30.		ony Octave	8 notes apart, for example a low C and the next C higher on the
	Octave	Two parts playing the same music, an octave apart.	╢	guity				
3	doubling		3	Aton al	Where the music has no main sense of key. E.g. bar 41-60			
4	Inverted tonic pedal	The first note of the scale is held or repeated on the highest note of the music – e.g. bar 1-6 in violins.	┢	Biton	Two keys happening at the same		Dedel	keyboard.
	Dominant	The fifth note of the scale held or repeated in the bass	4	ality	time. E.g. bar 51-60.		Pedal	Sustained or repeated note,
5	pedal	part. E.g. bar 12-15 in the bass part.		Tona	Where the music uses definite keys.			usually tonic or dominant and in
6. T	empo, metre and r	hythm	_ 5 		Most of the music does this, but with very few cadences.	3		the bass, heard
1	4/4	4 crotchet beats per bar.		Disso	When the harmonies clash. E.g. Bar 41-60.			against changing harmonies.
2	3/4	3 crotchet beats per bar.	6	nanc e			Ostinato	A repeated musical
3	Fanfare rhythm	Rhythms used regularly in fanfares, quick and precise E.g. first 3 bars.		Quar tal	Chords built using 4ths, rather than 3rds. Happens in the intro.			pattern. Seen in bars 51-60 as a textural device.
	Dotted rhythms	A note that is held for its full length plus an extra half. E.g. bar 10 in the voice.		harm ony			Fast	A tempo marking to show the music
4	Syncopation	Rhythmic device where a note is stressed on a weak beat or between beats. E.g. Chords in theme A.		Unre lated	Chords that have very few shared notes to produce an unstable effect. E.g. bar 33-35.		tempo	is to be played quickly. It becomes very fast in bar 51. The number of beats per bar
	Triplets	 A rhythmic figure, indicated by a '3' where three equal notes are played in the time of two of the same note value. Changes in rhythms make the pulse less obvious. Bar 33 does this to become 'spacy'. 		chor ds				
5				Trito	The interval of three tones. Used to		Metre change	
6	Ambiguous pulse			ne	be banned in music as linked to the devil. Bar 44 – G to Db			change. E.g. bar 44.

Wider listening: For other pieces by Williams listen to Jurassic Park, Harry Potter, E.T, Superman and Indiana Jones.