

Solo Concerto - Baroque

- Baroque Solo Concertos (like the Concerto Grosso) have **3 MOVEMENTS** contrasted by tempo – fast, slow, fast. Fast movements were often in **RITORNELLO** form.

• What is RITORNELLO form?

Opening of 1st Movement of “Spring” Solo Violin Concerto from “The Four Seasons” – Vivaldi

SOLO VIOLIN
(Principal Violin)
with 1st and 2nd
Violins, Violas
and Cello and
CONTINUO
accompaniment

Allegro

TERRACED DYNAMICS

First movement: Allegro
Tutti 1 Joyful Spring is here . .

Bass line?

☐ Ground bass
☐ Alberti bass
☐ Pedal
☐ Walking bass

☐ Perfect
☐ Imperfect
☐ Plagal
☐ Interrupted

DECORATED MELODIES WITH ORNAMENTS (trills)

FIGURED BASS NOTATION in the CONTINUO part

Describe the **TEXTURE** of the opening **TUTTI**

How does Vivaldi convey the feeling of ‘joyful spring’?
(think tonality, melodic features, rhythm, tempo etc)

- Now listen particularly to the different solo episodes and answer the questions below, noting how Vivaldi uses musical means for programmatic effect.

Solo 1 *Birds merrily greet it with their happy songs.*

Name the ornament

What concept describes the violin 1 part here?

Episode 1

Ornament?

Harmonic feature in violin 1?

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Vn. Solo

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

D.B.

f

Solo

Canto de gl'uccelli

Describe the TEXTURE

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Vn. Solo

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

D.B.

f

Solo

Canto de gl'uccelli

Name THREE musical techniques Vivaldi uses to imitate a bird song

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Vn. Solo

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

f

Solo

Canto de gl'uccelli

Ritornello 2

[illegible]

Episode 2

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E i fonti allo spirar de' Zeffiretti - Con dolce mormorio scorrono intanto

Vn. Solo

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

D.B.

1.

2.

3.

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Vn. Solo

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

Ritornello 3

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Vn. Solo

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

D.B.

Episode 3

umanto E lampi, e tuoni ad annuntiarla eletti

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Vn. Solo

Vn. I

Vn. II

Name THREE musical techniques Vivaldi uses to represent the sound of 'a storm – thunder & lightning'

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

D.B.

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Vn. Solo

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

D.B.

Listening Comparison

Watch the performance of 'Music for a while' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BpX3Gx8Aig>

- Name the 3 instruments you hear

- Which of these is the correct bass line?

A musical staff in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F#32, G32, A32, B32, C33, D33, E33, F#33, G33, A33, B33, C34, D34, E34, F#34, G34, A34, B34, C35, D35, E35, F#35, G35, A35, B35, C36, D36, E36, F#36, G36, A36, B36, C37, D37, E37, F#37, G37, A37, B37, C38, D38, E38, F#38, G38, A38, B38, C39, D39, E39, F#39, G39, A39, B39, C40, D40, E40, F#40, G40, A40, B40, C41, D41, E41, F#41, G41, A41, B41, C42, D42, E42, F#42, G42, A42, B42, C43, D43, E43, F#43, G43, A43, B43, C44, D44, E44, F#44, G44, A44, B44, C45, D45, E45, F#45, G45, A45, B45, C46, D46, E46, F#46, G46, A46, B46, C47, D47, E47, F#47, G47, A47, B47, C48, D48, E48, F#48, G48, A48, B48, C49, D49, E49, F#49, G49, A49, B49, C50, D50, E50, F#50, G50, A50, B50, C51, D51, E51, F#51, G51, A51, B51, C52, D52, E52, F#52, G52, A52, B52, C53, D53, E53, F#53, G53, A53, B53, C54, D54, E54, F#54, G54, A54, B54, C55, D55, E55, F#55, G55, A55, B55, C56, D56, E56, F#56, G56, A56, B56, C57, D57, E57, F#57, G57, A57, B57, C58, D58, 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F#111, G111, A111, B111, C112, D112, E112, F#112, G112, A112, B112, C113, D113, E113, F#113, G113, A113, B113, C114, D114, E114, F#114, G114, A114, B114, C115, D115, E115, F#115, G115, A115, B115, C116, D116, E116, F#116, G116, A116, B116, C117, D117, E117, F#117, G117, A117, B117, C118, D118, E118, F#118, G118, A118, B118, C119, D119, E119, F#119, G119, A119, B119, C120, D120, E120, F#120, G120, A120, B120, C121, D121, E121, F#121, G121, A121, B121, C122, D122, E122, F#122, G122, A122, B122, C123, D123, E123, F#123, G123, A123, B123, C124, D124, E124, F#124, G124, A124, B124, C125, D125, E125, F#125, G125, A125, B125, C126, D126, E126, F#126, G126, A126, B126, C127, D127, E127, F#127, G127, A127, B127, C128, D128, E128, F#128, G128, A128, B128, C129, D129, E129, F#129, G129, A129, B129, C130, D130, E130, F#130, G130, A130, B130, C131, D131, E131, F#131, G131, A131, B131, C132, D132, E132, F#132, G132, A132, B132, C133, D133, E133, F#133, G133, A133, B133, C134, D134, E134, F#134, G134, A134, B134, C135, D135, E135, F#



- Fill in the grid below to describe the bass line

Type of bass line	
Musical features of bass line	

- What type of piece/ style is this? _____

- Name the solo voice _____

Now watch the annotated score and fill in the box below <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtwlGKUHNdY>

Style	Melody/ Harmony	Rhythm/Tempo	Texture/Structure	Timbre

- Now watch 'When I am laid in earth' (Dido and Aeneas) & answer the questions

Describe the ground bass

What CADENCE is heard at the end of each repetition of the ground bass?

Name THREE features relating to RHYTHM & TEMPO
1.
2.
3.

Describe the TONALITY

Largo

Dido: p

When I am

laid, am laid in earth, may my wrongs create No

trou - ble, no trou-ble in thy breast, When I am

laid, am laid in earth, may my wrongs create No

- Compare this with 'Music for a while' and similarities/differences between the two:

SIMILARITIES	DIFFERENCES

To what musical period do both belong? Give THREE reasons for your choice.

Musical period: _____

Reasons for choice:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Literacy task - Come, come ye sons of art

Related Keys for Modulation	
Dominant	V
Sub dominant	IV
Relative minor	Down 3 semitones from major
Relative major	Up 3 semitones from minor

- Listen to 'Come, come ye sons of art' and answer the questions <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJHSVQ8WC6I>
- Name the key _____
- To what key has the music modulated in line 2? _____
- How does this relate to the original key? _____
- Using the rhythm provided and the chord information, complete the bass line.

Chord progression: Bb, F, Bb 1st inv, Eb, F, Bb

Come come ye sons of art, come come a - way.

Chord progression: Bb, F 1st inv, Gm, C, F

Tune all your voices and in - struments play, to

Modulation to what key?

Chord progression: Bb, F, Eb, F, Bb

ce - le - brate, to ce - le - brate this tri - um - phant day!

Listen to *Shake the Cloud* from *Dido and Aeneas* by Purcell and comment on how the composer uses word painting to reflect the words. Then complete the questions below, following the score.



Key?

Shake _____ the cloud from off your brow, Fate your wish - es _____ doth al - low; Em - pire

Fill in the missing rhythms

Am

I

cadence

cadence

Modulated to

dominant

sub dominant

relative major

relative minor

Identify the chords using chord name and number and, where appropriate, 1st or 2nd inv or 7th

grow - ing, Plea - sures flow - ing. For - tune smiles and so should you. Shake _____ the

Fill in the missing notes using the rhythm given

cadence

Harmonic feature

cloud from off _____ your _____ brow. Shake _____ the cloud from off _____ your _____ brow.

cloud from off _____ your _____ brow. Shake _____ the cloud from off _____ your _____ brow.

Identify the chords using chord name and number and, where appropriate, 1st or 2nd inv or 7th

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Now listen to the song ‘Shining Light’ and fill in the required information below.

Name the key and work out the main chords in the key using the grid:

I	IV	V	VI

Fill in the chords in the boxes below

Ro-man can - dles that burn in the night yeah, you are a shi-ning light.

Fill in the missing notes and rhythms

Fill in the chords in the piano part. The first chord is given

Cadence?

Fill in the missing rhythms

You lit a torch in the in - fi - nite yeah, you are a shi-ning light.

— yeah, you light up my life.