

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MUSIC

This piece gives the listener a journey through the Medieval, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th Century and Pop periods of music.

The main theme is taken from the traditional French folk melody *Clown Dance*, and changes in style with each different period of music; for instance, in the romantic section, the tune is played in a minor key, and the backing track has big orchestral instruments.

The key to this piece is locking into the tempo changes as quickly as you can.

WARRIOR

This piece was inspired by the music from epic films of Greek gods, pirates of the seven seas and tales from middle earth. Underpinned by big drum sounds and a strong rhythm, Warrior needs to be played with massive dynamics and full commitment!

G-FUNK

G-Funk is inspired by the hip hop movement of the late 90's, with a "Dre style" piano vibe. The rhythm in this piece is "swung," which means that the sixteenth notes are not played in straight time. The pairs of sixteenth notes should be played with the first note slightly longer than the second note giving the swinging feel.

NIGHTMARE

Nightmare is a short piece of program music, giving the listener a chance to imagine what and wherever their mind will take them.

Using a short phrase with longer notes, Nightmare builds on the theme each few bars, increasing the number of notes and increasing in volume, until reaching a climax and dying away.

SETTING SUN

This beautiful backing track, set on a golden sandy beach, is written in the style of the minimalist piano composers of this century. It draws on folk melodies and flowing lines, with sparse orchestration.

The focus of this piece is on long flowing phrases and delicate dynamic changes.

LONG ROAD HOME

This piece, calling on the influences of great film composers of the modern era such as John Williams and Hans Zimmer, is another piece of program music, painting the scene of a weary army, trudging back along deserted roads, dreaming of the welcome and loving arms they will receive after their long absence.

It relies on 8 chords, with the powerful and uplifting melody slowly building and building to a loud climax, and a sharp drop in volume right at the end.

YOUTUBER (Like My Page)

This piece was inspired by my youngest children watching popular YouTube channels. Just hearing the music over and over, whilst pictures of cute cats scrolled across the screen, was enough for me to run into my studio and lock the door. There I wrote a very catchy tune and backing track to play along to, and the rest, as they say, is History.

The main technical point in this piece is the “syncopated” rhythm. Syncopation is a musical technique where stress is given to the weak beats instead of the strong beats, which gives the piece its light and fun vibe.

I FEEL IT COMING

Now, this isn't what you hear every day...Drum and Bass instrumental solos! ... but that's what you've got!

In the style of modern day commercial vocal drum and bass artists (Sigma/DJ Fresh), the solo instrumental part is playing the vocal line, while accompanied by loud drums, uplifting synths and a big bassline.

As with YouTuber, the main focus is on syncopation. Syncopation is a musical technique where stress is given to the weak beats, instead of the strong beats. This piece is also quite fast, so you will have to keep up.

DOVREGUBBEN (Retro Gamer)

The strange name of this piece comes from the famous *Peer Gynt Suite* by Edvard Grieg.

“Dovregubben” is the name of the troll king. In the middle of this piece, you will recognise the famous melody of Grieg's, “In the Hall of the Mountain King.”

The fun “8-bit” backing track turns any instrumentalist into an instant retro gamer! Ready player 1!

Y.O.L.O (You Only Live Once)

This backing uses the Trance genre of music to create an uplifting and pumping soundtrack to the flowing melody in the solo part.

Strings and other orchestral elements are a massively important tool in modern dance music, and can be heard in William Orbit's *Adagio for Strings* and Massive Attack's *Unfinished Sympathy*, as well as now becoming standalone orchestral performances with Pete Tong's Ibiza Classics concerts.

The driving percussion pushes the beat on, leaving the soloist to master the fast tempo of Y.O.L.O.

In The Mix

Volume 1 (Trombone Edition)

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MEDIEVAL

♩ = 70

Trombone

Piano

mf

ff

mf

6

BAROQUE

f

fmf

fmf

11

CLASSICAL

p

A tempo

rit.

p

Warrior

♩ = 150

Piano

f

7

A

f

13

19

mf

The image displays a piano score for the piece 'Warrior'. It consists of four systems of music, each with three staves: a single bass staff at the top, and a grand staff (treble and bass) below. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 150. The score begins with a piano (Piano) instruction and a forte (f) dynamic. The first system (measures 1-6) features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The second system (measures 7-12) includes a section labeled 'A' starting at measure 7, where the right hand has a melodic line with a slur and the left hand continues the bass line. The third system (measures 13-18) continues the rhythmic pattern. The fourth system (measures 19-24) concludes with a melodic phrase in the right hand marked mezzo-forte (mf) and a final cadence. The left hand maintains the consistent bass line throughout.

G-Funk

Swung ♩'s with Flava ♩ = 80

Piano

mf *sim.*

A

f

9

B

mf

Nightmare

Scarily ♩ = 60

Piano

pp

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a continuous eighth-note accompaniment pattern. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a long, low-register chord held across the entire system, with two chord diagrams shown below the staff.

3

pp

The second system continues the piece. The upper staff maintains the eighth-note accompaniment. The lower staff features a series of half notes, with a *pp* dynamic marking. A slur is placed over the first three measures of the lower staff.

6

A

p

p

The third system begins with a section marked 'A' in a box. The upper staff has a slur over the first two measures. The lower staff has a *p* dynamic marking. The upper staff continues with the eighth-note accompaniment, while the lower staff has a simple harmonic accompaniment.

8

The fourth system continues the piece. The upper staff has a slur over the first two measures. The lower staff has a *p* dynamic marking. The upper staff continues with the eighth-note accompaniment, while the lower staff has a simple harmonic accompaniment.

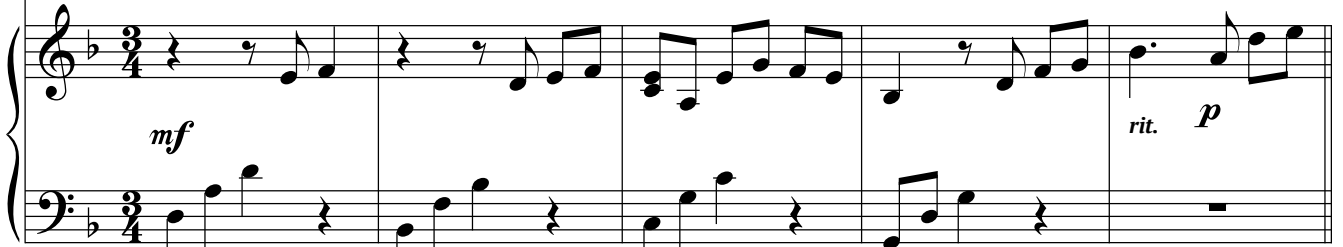
Setting Sun

♩ = 90

Trombone



Piano



Ped.

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Ped.

*

sim.

A



p

A tempo

12

B



Long Road Home

$\text{♩} = 74$

Trombone

Piano

pp

A

9

Piano

p

B

15

You Tuber (Like My Page)

Annoyingly Happy ♩ = 162

Piano

f

7

A

f

12

f

B

f

I Feel It Coming

Fast Drum and Bass ♩ = 155

Piano

f

7

A

mf

12

mf

B

mf

Dovregubben (Retro Gamer)

Piano

$\bullet = 120$

mf

4

8 **A**

f

12

This piano score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 120. The piece is in a minor key. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (1, 4, 8, 12) at the beginning. The first system starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The second system begins at measure 4. The third system begins at measure 8 and features a first ending bracket labeled 'A' over measures 8 and 9, with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The fourth system begins at measure 12. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment, while the treble line features a mix of chords and melodic lines.

Y.O.L.O. (You Only Live Once)

Hands In The Air ♩ = 125

Piano

p

A

p cresc.

cresc.

13

f

f

B

mf

mf

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♩ = 70

2

mf

BAROQUE

7

f

CLASSICAL

A tempo

rit.

p

ROMANTIC

13

molto rit.

mf

♩ = 46

19

f

20TH CENTURY

25

ffz

ffz

ff

POP

♩ = 104

5

35

40

Piano

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MEDIEVAL

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♩ = 70

Musical score for the Medieval section, measures 1-5. The piece is in 4/4 time. The right hand features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, starting with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic and moving to mezzo-forte (*mf*) by measure 3. The left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

BAROQUE

Musical score for the Baroque section, measures 6-10. The piece is in 4/4 time. The right hand has a more complex melodic line with some grace notes, marked with a fortissimo (*f*) dynamic and a *fz* (forzando) marking. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

CLASSICAL

Musical score for the Classical section, measures 11-13. The piece is in 4/4 time. The right hand features a rapid sixteenth-note pattern, starting with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking and moving to piano (*p*) by measure 12. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The tempo is marked *A tempo*.

ROMANTIC

Musical score for the Romantic section, measures 14-16. The piece is in 4/4 time. The right hand has a melodic line with a *molto rit.* (molto ritardando) marking and a piano (*p*) dynamic, which then moves to mezzo-piano (*mp*) by measure 16. The left hand has a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The tempo is marked *A tempo*. The final measure (16) has a tempo of ♩ = 46.