| ୁ ସିହି୍କ Beckfoot | | ອີ foot | Music | | | ra Schumann Piano Trio – Context, ucture, sonority and melody | Year Group: 12/13 | | enjoy learn succeed | | | |
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| 1. Context and structure | | | | 2. | 2. Melody | | | | 4. Key vocabulary | | | |
| | Clara Schu man | born in L | comantic composer eipzig, Germany. her lifetime as a | 1 | Contrastin g ideas | The piece is build on two contrasting ideas called subjects. | 1 | Romanti c period | An artistic movement in the 1800s, known for the development of instruments and | | | |
| 1 | n | concert pianist. Married composer Robert Schumann who suffered from mental illness. | | 2 | First subject | ject antecedent (question) and consequent (answer) | | Chambe | expressiveness. | | | |
| | | | | | phrases. Found in bars 1-8.Features1a -Plaintive downward 5th, tied rhythm. 1b - | | 2 | | Music played by a small ensemble., often in small chamber rooms. | | | |
| 2 | Expo sitio n | The first section of a movement in sonata form, ideas are first exposed. This is from bars 1-90 | | 3 | of subject one | Answers with livelier rhythm, rising sequence, upwards 8ve leap. 1c and d - short contrasted dotted ideas, falling sequence. | | Piano trio | A trio for piano and 2 string instruments, usually violin and cello. | | | |
| 3 | Deve lopm ent | the musi | ral section of a sonata, cal ideas are ed. This is from bars 91- | 4 | Second subject | A two bar contrasting idea. It is first heard in bars 45-48. | 4 | Movem ent | An independent section in a longer piece of music. Our piece is in four movements, we study | | | |
| 4 | Domi nant prep arati | developr dominan to the re | at the end of the nent that features the t chord ready to return capitulation. Ours is in | 5 | Features of second subject | (a) Syncopated, descending, stepwise, ends with appoggiatura (b) Repeated 'chattering' quavers against diminished 7th melody. | 5 | Sonata Form | the first. A common structure in the Classical era and later. Consists of expositions, development, recapitulation and coda. | | | |
| 4 | on Reca pitul | ca The final section of sonata form., ideas return in their original form. This is from bars 165-288 cdg The section that links the first | | 6 | Melodic diminished seventh | Harmonic feature brought to life in the melody or violin in bar 47. | 6 | Subject | The main musical ideas used in a piece in Sonata form. Ours has two. | | | |
| | ation Bridg | | | 3. 3 | Sonority – Ho Piano | v the instruments are used Plays melody and accompaniment. Equal weighting, not howy. Often middle range. Typical writing of period. | | Appoggi atura | A 'leaning' dissonant note that comes before the chord and resolves onto it. | | | |
| 5 | e | | nd second subject in the xposition. Ours is from bar 30- 5 | | Violin | Important material often not doubled – bar 9-14. Mainly plays in the two octaves above lowest string, | | Chromat ic | Melodic movement in semitones Seen in bars 243-245. | | | |
| 6 | Code tta | A small ending at the end of the exposition. Ours is from bars | | 2 | | sometimes higher. Double stopping is used 73-77 and 284-6. | | Counter melody | A secondary melody that is heard alongside the main theme. | | | |
| 7 | Coda | | of the recapitulation. om 250-288. | 3 | Cello | Jses a wide range due to different roles. Double topping (284-6). Pedal notes (73-80) High in register 134-138). | | Contrast ing ideas | Musical ideas that contrast, this piece is built on two of them. | | | |
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Other points of interest: Classical vs Romantic features. Development of the piano trio. Variation of the sonata form





| 5. Texture | | | | 7. Harmony and Tonality | | | 8. Key vocabulary | | |
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| 1 | Homophonic | Melody and accompaniment, often using block chords or offbeat chords in the right hand, against on beat LH. Bar 1-8 | | Modulatio ns | Piece modulates to related keys in the development including Eb/F min/G min/ C min/F min and in | | `Discur sive form | Where ideas are passed around the ensemble. Often used in chamber music. | |
| 2 | Polyphonically animated homophony | Homophonic writing that is augmented by counter melodies. Bar 9 is an example. | | | recap goes to G minor / Gmajor and coda finishes in Gminor The piece modulates to related | 2 | Contra puntal | A polyphonic texture where the parts play against each other and interweave. | |
| 3 | Imitation | When a melody in one part is copied a few notes later in a different part and they overlap. Bar 115-130. | | Related keys | keys including in the development including Eb/F min/G min/ C min/F min and in recap goes to G minor / | | Dialog ue | Motifs exchanged between parts without overlapping. | |
| 4 | Polyphony | When 2 or more different lines play simultaneously. Bar 115-130. | | | Gmajor and coda finishes in Gminor A sustained or pulsating note sounded against changing | 4 | Allegro moder ato | Moderately fast tempo used throughout, apart from slight rit in second subject. | |
| 5 | Interplay | 2 or more melodies have an effect on each other. Bar 34-38 | | Pedal | harmonies. Uses tonic (276-end) and dominant pedals (73-84). Linked to texture. | 5 | Metre | Beats per bar.bAt times feels like 2/2 although in 4/4, | |
| 6 | Doubling | Piece often doubles parts at intervals of an octave or 6 th . Bar 99-104. | 4 | Circle of | A series of chords where the roots | | | especially noticed in faster harmonic rhythm passages. | |
| 7 | Broken chord | Chord is played as separate notes, often as rocking quavers or rising and falling | | fifths | are a 5th higher or lower from the previous one. Bar 139-143 Note that is sustained to a chord in which it doesn't belong, creating dissonance, and then resolved. | | Harmo nic rhythm | The rate at which chords change. | |
| | | arpeggios. Bar 9 in left hand of piano. | ⁵ Suspensio n | | | | Major and | Used throughout the piece - mostly in root position and | |
| 6.1 | empo, metre a | | 6 | Diminishe d 7 th chord | Chord built on minor thirds. Bar 110-111. | 7 | minor chords | 1st inversion | |
| 1 | Homorhyt hm | All parts play the same rhythm. Bar 22 | | Augmente | Chromatic chord used to approach | 8 | Diatoni c: | Chords and melody belong to the key, not chromatic. | |
| 2 | Syncopatio n | Emphasising beats of the bar that are normally unaccented, use of ties emphasises this in melody | | d 6 th chord 8 Dominant | chord V or Ic in bars 113-121. A chord with more dissonant | | Functio nal | Music that uses traditional cadential progression. | |
| 3 | Anacrusis | One or more notes that occur before the first strong beat of a phrase – used in 1c and 1d A swung rhythm usually with the 1st longer than the 2nd. Used in second subject. | | minor 9 th chord | extensions. Used in bar 83. | 1 | Compl | chromatic, diminished 7ths, augmented 6ths, dominant | |
| 4 | Dotted rhythms | | | Secondary dominant chord | The dominant of the dominant. Used in bar 40. | | ex chords | minor 9th and secondary dominants | |

Wider listening: Mozart piano trio in C major. Schubert piano trio no 1 and 2. Liszt Hungarian rhapsodies 9 and 12. Mendelssohn piano trio 1.