

Area of Study 4: Popular Music

Wonderwall (Original Version) – Teacher Sheet

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TEACHING POINTS:

Sonority (Rock Instruments)

- Rhythm

- Form and Structure (Riff)

- Texture

- Melody (Shape)

- Structure

- Musical Styles (Rock)

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

For the video which accompanies this song, here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hZrDeceEKc>

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1) What type of guitar plays chords at the beginning of the piece? (Underline one).

Electric Guitar

Acoustic Guitar

Bass Guitar

2) Which word best describes the sonority of the singer's voice?

Warm

Husky

Raw

Bright

3) The piece is written in common time (4/4 – four crotchet beats per bar). At the beginning of Verse 2, on which beat of the bar does the drum kit enter?

The first

The second

The third

The fourth

4) And on which beat of the bar does the bass guitar enter?

The first

The second

The third

The fourth

5) During Verse 2 a cello plays a riff (a short repeating phrase used in Jazz and Popular Music). How many notes does the riff contain?

Two

Three

Four

Five

6) A tambourine enters during Bridge 1. On which beats of the bar does it play?

One and Three

Two and Four

One and Four

Two and Three

7) During Chorus 1, what happens to the tambourine part?

It becomes simpler

It remains the same

It becomes more complex

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8) How does Chorus 1 end?

With a held chord With silence With a broken chord pattern

9) During Verse 3, an electric guitar enters with a new riff. When does it play it?

At the same time as the singer In between the singers lines

10) And during Bridge 2, which other guitar creates a musical dialogue with it?

Acoustic Guitar Bass Guitar

11) During Chorus 3, the words 'I said maybe' are echoed. Which additional words are echoed during Chorus 4?

that saves me

12) During the Outro, a piano plays a new riff. What is the length of the Outro?

4 bars 6 bars 8 bars 10 bars

Total / 12