

Area of Study 4: Popular Music

Wonderwall (Cover Version) – Teacher Sheet

Performed by The Mike Flowers Pops

TEACHING POINTS:

Rhythm (On the beat & Off-beat)
Melody (Shape)
Sonority (Rock & Orchestral Instruments & Voices)
Structure
Texture
Musical Styles (Pop)

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vy1ueZf1WMQ>

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1) How does the piece begin? (Underline one).

On the beat With an anacrusis (an upbeat)

2) The singer performs Verse 1 accompanied by the instruments listed below. Which instrument accompanies him with a syncopated (off-beat) rhythm?

Drum Kit Saxophone Electric Guitar Bass Guitar

3) And when he sings the words 'I don't believe that anybody', which brass instrument accompanies him with a solo melody?

Trumpet French Horn Trombone Tuba

4) During Bridge 1, three female backing singers accompany the soloist, vocalising using 'Ah' and 'Bah'. Which words from the text do they join the soloist in singing?

like to say to you

5) During Chorus 1, which of the following woodwind instruments plays with the singer during the words 'are you gonna be the one that saves me?' and 'you're my Wonderwall'.

Flute Oboe Clarinet Bassoon

6) The first part of Verse 2 is instrumental, during which the backing singers vocalise using 'Do, do, do'. This version is also written in common time. What is the length of this instrumental section?

4 bars 6 bars 8 bars 10 bars

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7) Verse 2 ends with the last line of Verse 1. The same solo brass instrument accompanies the singer as it did earlier in the piece but the melody is then passed over to which of the following instruments?

Drum Kit

Saxophone

Electric Guitar

Bass Guitar

8) During Bridge 2, which of the following percussion instruments plays in between the singers lines?

Tambourine

Snare Drum

Triangle

Bass Drum

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

Warm

Husky

Raw

Bright

10) Which section of this song contains the thinnest texture (the fewest instruments and/or voices)?

Intro

Verse

Bridge

Chorus

Link

11) Which version of Wonderwall do you prefer? Please provide two musical reasons to justify your answer.

Any appropriate answers, provided they make reference to the MUSIC

Total / 12