



MUSIC NEWS



A LISTENING DIARY BY SOPHIA

A PIECE PLAYED BY A SOLO INSTRUMENT

TITLE: *Elgar Cello Concerto*
performed by Jacqueline du Pre on cello

COMPOSER: Sir Edward William Elgar

INFORMATION: This piece of music was composed in 1919. It starts off with a beautiful cello solo and then the other instruments join in one by one. I found the piece of music quite sad but very atmospheric.



A PIECE PLAYED BY AN ORCHESTRA

TITLE: *In the Hall Of The Mountain King*/Peer Gynt

COMPOSER: Edvard Grieg

INFORMATION: This piece of music was composed in 1875. I listened to the piece played by the BBC orchestra. The music starts off quite quietly and slowly and then gradually speeds up and gets louder.

This piece of music also tells the story of a man called Peer Gynt being chased by trolls. A technique called the pizzicato is used to reflect Peer Gynt's footsteps when he running away from the trolls.

A SONG PERFORMED BY A BAND

TITLE: *Mamma Mia*

COMPOSERS: Benny Anderson/Bjorn Ulvaeus

INFORMATION: This song by the famous Abba is very lively which makes the song very popular. At the start and the end of the song it is almost as if you can hear a clock ticking.

This song was composed in 1975 but is still popular and appears in the musical and film of the same title. It is also a karaoke classic!

A PIECE OF MUSIC FROM A FILM

TITLE: *Part of Your World* (from *The Little Mermaid*)

COMPOSER: Alan Menken/Howard Ashman

INFORMATION: This piece of music comes from the film *The Little Mermaid* and was written in 1988. It is a Disney classic and I have chosen it because it was one of the first songs I performed for my grade 1 Musical Theatre exam and I got a distinction 😊

In this song Ariel sings about how she desperately wants to be a human and experience life out of the water. I have seen this performed on stage and really enjoyed it.



MY OWN CHOICE OF MUSIC

TITLE: *Your Song*

COMPOSERS: Ed Sheeran/Steve Mac

INFORMATION: For my own choice of music I chose *Your Song* by Rita Ora because I absolutely love Rita Ora and especially her new song.

Rita Ora released this song on the 26th of May 2017. The song peaked in the charts at number 7 and has stayed in the charts for several weeks since.

An interesting fact about this song is that Ed Sheeran co-wrote this song and sings the backing vocals.

