**2023/24 STRUCTURE AND FORM**

STRUCTURE is about how we FORM, or build a piece of music.

There are 3 main types of structure in music;

**Binary or AB** – An example of this would be ‘My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean’, tune 1 then tune 2. The end.

Very simple and usually used in very old songs.

Think of this in terms of cheese and crackers, just 2 elements.

**Ternary or ABA/AABA** – An example of this would be ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’ (ABA) OR ‘Somewhere Ove the Rainbow’ (AABA)

2 elements (tune 1 and tune 2), where tune 1 = A and tune 2 = B.

Think of this in term of a cheese sandwich Bread, Cheese, Bread.

**Rondo Form** – literally means round. An example of this would be Vivaldi Spring from The Four Seasons.

There is a tune A, which is sandwiched between lots of variations of the tune called tunes B,C,D etc

It runs A,B,A,C,A,D,A,E,A – It just keeps coming **round** to TUNE A.

**Themes and Variations**

This takes any of the structures above and varies them. It could be they are played slower, faster, in a different key, louder, in the style of rock etc etc

They use the different musical elements of Pitch, Tempo, Texture, Timbre, Duration, Dynamics to change the tune whilst keeping true to the main theme, so you can hear it is the same, but at the same time, a little different.

Here is an example – the 7 levels of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2f6Mi7I5lY