

# **Compound Part Forms and Rondo**

## Example 1. Beethoven, Piano Sonata No. 9 in E major, Op. 14, No. 1, second movement, p. 249, CD 4/Track 6

You are a pianist performing a Beethoven recital. In order to perform the piece musically, you want to consider a few basic issues. First, provide a complete diagram (down to phrase level) of the form of the movement. Second, consider the relationship between the structural upper and lower lines in the first eight measures. How does the structure of the lower line in these measures relate to the main motive of the piece? Does this motive disappear in the "Maggiore" section? If not, how does Beethoven weave it in? Is it present in an altered form?

#### Example 2. Bach, Gavotte I and II (together) from English Suite No. 3 in G minor, 92, 1/16

One of your piano students is preparing this set of gavottes for a performance in your piano studio. Write out your answers to the following questions to hand in at the start of class.

- a. What is the form of the gavottes as performed together? What is the form of each gavotte individually? It is not necessary to diagram the piece down to phrase level, but you should label keys, cadences and sections (a, b, etc.) in your score.
- b. How will you help your student understand the main motive of the piece? What happens to this motive in the closing measures (esp. 27-32) of Gavotte I? What is noteworthy about the harmonic progression in these measures?
- c. The C6 in measure 32 is the climax of Gavotte I; it functions as a sort of upper neighbor to the Bb to which it resolves. Can you hear what other note is connected to this C, on a large scale?
- d. In Gavotte II, the tonic pedal makes it difficult to analyze the harmonies. How will you explain to your student which cadences are interior and which are final? Is Gavotte II foreshadowed in Gavotte I? How do these pieces fit together motivically? In Schenkerian terms, from which scale degree does the upper line descend in each piece?
- e. What type of second inversion chord occurs in beat 4 of measure 32 in Gavotte I? What technique is normally associated with this particular type of second inversion chord (see second inversion chords handout)? Is that technique present here? Does it occur more than once? How does this help emphasize the main motive of the piece?

## Example 3a. Elisabeth Jacquet de La Guerre, Prelude from Suite II of Pièces de Clavecin, 58, 1/5

You are presenting a collaborative lecture-recital with a famous musicologist. She has asked you to perform this piece during the presentation. Remembering fondly your days of Form and Analysis, you dig up the set of recordings from the Burkhart. How does the performer on the given recording hear the form of the piece? Where are the cadences? Do you agree or disagree? Describe and justify the locations of any PACs you hear (use "middle of the 4th system" if there aren't measures at that point). Be prepared to discuss how your knowledge of form and harmonic analysis relate to performance practice for this piece.

#### Example 3b. Joseph Haydn, Piano Sonata No. 3 in C major, third movement, 142, 2/15

Diagram the form of this piece down to the phrase level, to be turned in at the start of class.

# Example 4. Beethoven, Piano Sonata No. 1 in F minor, Op. 2, No. 1, third movement, 223, 3/9

- a. Do a complete diagram (down to the phrase level) for this movement and be prepared to turn it in.
- b. Be prepared to discuss the upper line from the Ab of measure 12. Where does that note go? Where is the Kopfton (initial goal note) of the upper line achieved in this movement? And, related to this question, what is the point of mm. 39-40?
- c. How is the Trio section related, motivically and in terms of the upper line, to the Menuetto?

#### Example 5a. François Couperin, "Les Moissonneurs" from Pièces de Clavecin, Ordre VI, 60, 1/6

- a. Prepare a complete formal analysis (down to the phrase level) for this movement to hand in at the start of class.
- b. Prepare to discuss whether the upper line descends from the fifth scale degree or the third scale degree.
- c. The c section modulates to the relative minor, and the d section modulates to the supertonic. How does this pitch scheme support an integrated pitch structure for the movement? (Hint: Think about MOTIVE.)
- d. How does the right hand of measures 4.4-50 relate to the opening measures? Can you hear the motivic relationship?

# Example 5b. Beethoven, Piano Sonata No. 15 in D major, Op. 28, third movement, 261, 4/8

- a. What is the form of this movement? It is not necessary to do a complete formal analysis, just name the form and explain what characteristics of this movement are typical for this form.
- b. Identify the most significant goal notes of the right hand/upper line in the Scherzo. How does the motive in measure 5 relate to the pitch structure of the upper line over the course of the entire Scherzo?
- c. How is this motive expressed in the Trio section?

Examples 6a, b, c, d. Joseph Haydn, Symphony No. 101 in D major, fourth movement (in score), 151, 2/18; Johannes Brahms, Intermezzo in A major, Op. 118, No. 2, 367, 6/5; Claude Debussy, "La cathédrale engloutie" from *Preludes*, Book I, 415, 6/11; Joseph Haydn, String Quartet in G minor, Op. 74, No. 3, second movement, 144, 2/16

- a. For ANY TWO of the four pieces listed above, write out (to hand in) the letters and measure numbers of the main sections (ONLY). For instance, you might write something like: A (1-33); B (34-77); transition (78-80); A' (81-100); Coda (101-109)
- b. In the Haydn symphony, what is the form of the first A section? A diagram is NOT necessary.
- c. In the Haydn quartet, what chord occurs in mm. 8? How does these pitches relate to the rest of the movement?

# Example 7. Joseph Haydn, Piano Sonata No. 37 in D major, third movement, 140, 2/14

Write out a complete formal analysis (down to the phrase level) to turn in at the beginning of class. As you prepare your analysis, remember that sections may return in a varied form.

# Examples 8. Beethoven, Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op. 13 ("Pathétique"): Allegro, 243, 4/5

- a. This is the longest movement by Beethoven we have studied to date. Remember that Beethoven is fond of connecting sections (transitions, codas, etc.). Write out a listing of the measure numbers of the main sections (ONLY) to turn in at the start of class. It is not necessary to write out a phrase-level analysis to hand in; however, you will probably end up marking most cadences in your score anyway.
- b. Why does Beethoven modulate to the key of Ab near the end of the movement?

#### Additional examples of compound part forms/rondos:

Beethoven, Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op. 13 ("Pathétique"), II, p. 240, 4/2, and No. 4 in Eb, Op. 7, II, p. 225, 4/1

Bach, Minuet I and II (together) from Suite No. 1 in G major for Violoncello Solo, 93, 1/17

Franz Schubert, Moment Musical in A flat major, Op. 94, No. 6, 304, 5/3

Domenico Scarlatti, Sonata in D major, K. 96 (Longo 465), 130, 2/12

Joseph Haydn, Symphony No. 101 in D major, third movement (in score), 146, 2/17