



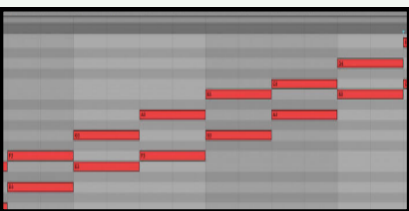
Listening & Appreciating - Country Music

Key Information

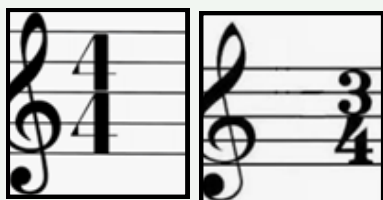
The length of each note can be shown by how long the colored bar is. The longer the bar, the longer the note lasts. This is also dictated on sheet music by the type of note used.

The pitch (how high or low the sound is) stays the same for most notes, but one note is higher than the others. This means that note sounds a little bit higher when played.

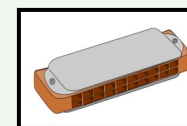
Time signatures show how many beats are in each bar and what type of note gets one beat. The most common time signatures are 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4. The top number tells how many beats are in each bar and the bottom number tells what type of note gets one beat. For example, in 4/4, the "4" means a quarter note gets 1 beat.



Semibreve		4 beats
Minim		2 beats
Crotchet		1 beat
Quaver		1/2 beat



Acoustic guitars are often the backbone of country music, providing rhythm and melody.
Banjos can be found in traditional bluegrass, country music and have a distinctive twangy sound.
Pedal steel guitars produce the smooth, sliding sounds that's a signature of country music ballads.
Bass guitars provide the deep, steady rhythm.
Harmonicas are used in many country songs, especially those with a folk or blues influence.
Drums keep the beat, though they tend to be more subtle in traditional country music.



tempo	The tempo is the speed at which a piece of music is played.
timbre	Timbre is the distinct quality of a piece of music that can be described with words such as light, flat, smooth, smoky, rough or breathy.
texture	The layers of instruments within a piece of music demonstrate texture. A thick texture has many layers, whereas a thin texture would contain fewer.
interlude	An interlude is the instrumental passage that comes between sections of lyrics.
dynamics	Dynamics describe how loudly or quietly a piece of music should be played.
melody	A melody is the sequence of single notes that make a musical tune.
harmony	A harmony is the combination of musical notes to make a musical tune.

