

Composers of Romantic music (1830s/1900s)

The Romantic period started in 1830 and ended around 1900. In this time songs became expressive, passionate and inventive. Composers moved away from classical music and based songs around art and literature.

Key Composers:

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Beethoven was the most famous Romantic composer. His famous pieces include, Fur Elise, Symphony No.9 and Symphony No.5.



Frederic Chopin

Chopin was a Polish composer and a virtuoso pianist.

He wrote songs mostly for **solo** piano.



Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Tchaikovsky is a Russian composer and is the first truly famous Russian composer.



Listening and appraising

Key questions

What does the music sound like?

What instruments can you hear?

How does the song make you feel?

What is the structure of the song?

When do you think it was made?

Does the song tell you a story?

What are the Dynamics like?

Did you like this song? Explain why.

Dynamics

Dynamics are how loud or quiet a piece of music is. Dynamics like loud and quiet have special markings for musicians to read in their music.



Key Vocabulary

- Dynamics - How loud and quiet music is.
- Forte - F - Loud
- Piano - P - Quiet
- Solo - One person performing alone.
- Ostinato - A continuous repeated rhythm.
- Musical effect - happy songs are major/
Sad songs are minor.

Notes

