

Humor in Music

In each example, the composer, arranger, or performer does something unexpected to get a smile or a laugh. Listen and figure out what's funny about each. When possible, write your descriptions using musical terms.

Title	Responses
Mozart's <i>Musical Joke</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx-N9l1eZyM The 4 th movement begins at 15:33. The final segment begins at 17:51.	
Beethoven's 5 th Symphony, 1 st Mvt./ P.D.Q. Bach, AKA Peter Schickle https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0vHpeUO5mw Performance begins at 0:56.	
Spike Jones arrangement of Rossini's <i>William Tell Overture</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aupQysNpMzk	
The Major-General's song from <i>Pirates of Penzance</i> Film excerpt: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSGWoXDFM64 . Version with text: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYZM_VdEjk	

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