

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
<p>Mozart's <i>Musical Joke</i></p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx-N911eZyM</p> <p>The 4th movement begins at 15:33. The final segment begins at 17:51.</p>	
<p>Beethoven's 5th Symphony, 1st Mvt./ P.D.Q. Bach, AKA Peter Schickle</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0vHpeUO5mw</p> <p>Performance begins at 0:56.</p>	
<p>Spike Jones arrangement of Rossini's <i>William Tell Overture</i></p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aupQysNpMzk</p>	
<p>The Major-General's song from <i>Pirates of Penzance</i></p> <p>Film excerpt: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSGWoXDFM64. Version with text: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYZM_VdEjk</p>	

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