



Ella Fitzgerald: 'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye', 'Too Darn Hot', 'Let's Do It' and 'Anything Goes'

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Teacher's Introduction

This resource covers **Area of Study 2: Blues, Jazz, Swing and Big Band** and the pre-1955 recording of *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book* recorded in 1956, released by Verve. This recording is referenced throughout the study pack, and you can access it for free at <https://open.spotify.com/album/4TY9NjM6oH5kNQkxj5jwiu>.

The aim of the resource is not only to familiarise students with the specified songs, but also to provide insight into common jazz harmony, and interpretation and arrangement techniques used in the recordings. A glossary of jazz terminology, is included which, if students are unfamiliar with, will help them learn. The resource and activities also encourage more critical listening and thinking about the techniques have when used in the context of these songs.

The opening section includes biographies for both Ella Fitzgerald and Cole Porter, a section contextualising the original compositions, and the recordings of them even before this album. The main content of the resource is a detailed, bar-by-bar analysis of the songs. These are supported by original transcriptions, done by myself, which cover all chords and melodies of the four songs. Additional instrumental sections have often been included.

The tables cover the key features of the accompaniment of each section of each song, and an analysis of the vocals for that section; this will include the transcription. I would encourage students to put together the transcriptions provided to make their own short score or lead sheets. This will help them when reading through the tables/analysis. Also, you should encourage students to transcribe the passages that are not included, and there are a couple of activities for each section of transcription. Each song has an introductory section which outlines the song's structure, instrumentation and time signature.

There are varied activities included which cover a range of musical elements and concepts, as you work through the resource. Some are individual tasks, while others require group work, which can be done in class. As well as technical features of the songs, the resource also explores these techniques in relation to the aesthetic responses to music. There is a section on each song which asks students to compare interpretations. This is to raise awareness of the variety of songs, and the variety of interpretations jazz musicians have given them over the years. Exam advice, as well as exam-style practice questions. Suggested answers to all activities are included at the back of the resource.

Before starting to look through the resource, it may be a good idea to familiarise students with basic jazz theory that reoccurs throughout the resource (such as II-V-I and IV-min-V7) which will help them understand much of the content of the resource more easily.



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Students' Introduction

This resource is intended as an aid to familiarising yourself with the set works from *Porter Song Book*. It covers some contextual and background information on the Porter and Ella Fitzgerald.

The main bulk, however, is a detailed analysis of each song. This is the section that requires preparation, as it contains the kind of detail you will need to provide in your work on your own lead sheets or short scores, which can easily be transcribed from the recordings.

The way I suggest you do this is write out empty bars following the table outlining the introduction section to the song. Then fill in the chords, melody and any other information and transcriptions. This will help give a clear visual guide to each song, and it is helpful for written music for quick reference when revising.

I have tried to give a holistic overview of each song and aimed to encourage critical thinking of the different musical techniques used and their effects. Try to follow the analysis and identify the different elements mentioned in the analysis and trying to pick them out. For example, if I refer to a particular bassline, try to listen and focus on the bass while following with the recording.

Also, I have tried to encourage thinking about the entire range of elements in the song, such as harmony, rhythm, lyrics, arrangement and timbre. The board likes examinees to be able to analyse so try to pay as much attention as possible to all these elements of the songs. I have included several points throughout the resource to encourage further consideration of the songs, which can be tackled individually, in pairs or in larger group discussions.



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Useful Information about

Ella Fitzgerald and Cole Porter were both jazz musicians. For this reason, some key theory will be used throughout this study guide. For reference, a table of the main full list of terms is provided in the Glossary.

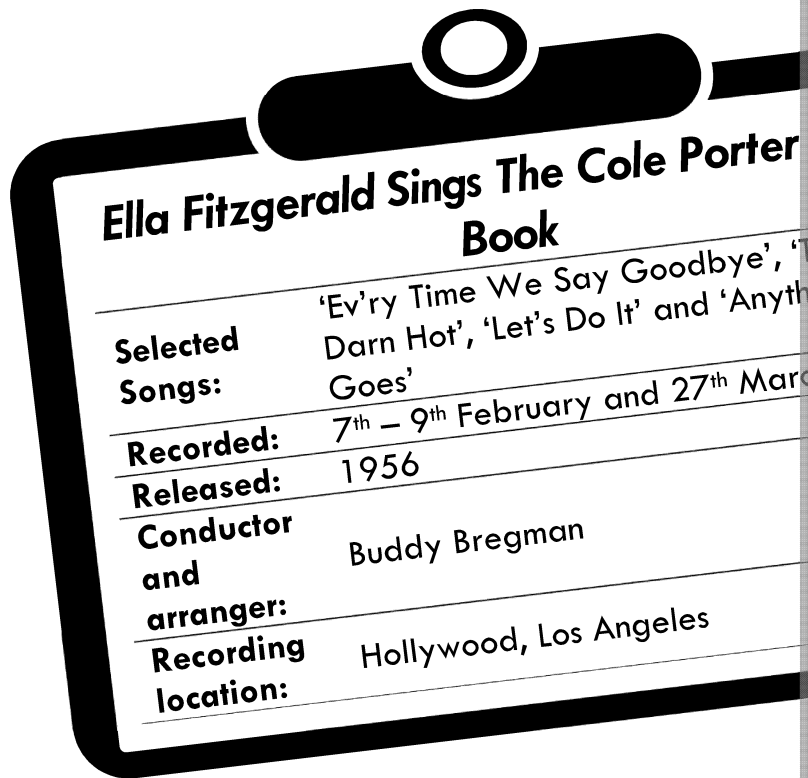
Key word	Meaning
Bebop	A style of jazz from the 1940s and 1950s associated with Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, and characterised by its advanced improvised melodies, speed and virtuosity.
Break	Where the rhythm section will stop playing, leaving either where a soloist can play or sing unaccompanied.
Bridge	A term for the B sections of a tune which uses the form 'middle eight,' even if not exactly in the middle of the piece.
Diminished scale	A scale made up of intervals that alternate between a tone and a semitone. There are two different types of diminished scale, which differ in whether they start with a semitone interval or a tone interval.
Half-diminished chord	This is a chord with a minor 3 rd , diminished 5 th and minor 7 th .
Harmonic substitution	Where a different chord, that is usually harmonically related, is used in place of the composer's original.
II-V-I	A very common chord progression in jazz and is used as a way to move between tonalities, and to cadence to the I chord.
Improvisation	In its most common usage in jazz, a spontaneously invented melody or chord sequence.
Jazz standards	Jazz versions of show tunes that have become standard repertoire through usage by a variety of jazz musicians.
Pickup	A note or group of notes on the upbeat which leads into the next phrase. In classical music, this is called an 'anacrusis'.
Scat singing	A style of vocal improvisation, sung without lyrics to non-lexical 'vocables', emphasising texture and rhythmic vitality.
Slash chord	A chord where a prescribed note that is not the root is added. For example a Bb ⁷ /F is a Bb ⁷ chord where an F is to be played in the bass.
Straight-ahead jazz	This term is often used to describe mainstream jazz, which is derived from the bebop tradition. Generally makes use of 'swing' and more progressive styles such as 'free jazz'.
Syncopated rhythm	A simple and steady pulse disrupted by anticipated or delayed notes.
Turnaround	A term used to denote a progression that usually travels from the IV to the V chord, used at the ends of sections, or forms, and that resolves back to the I chord.

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¹ Carr, I, Fairweather, D and Priestley, B, *The Rough Guide to Jazz* (London: Rough Guides, 2004).



Cole Porter composed most of the songs recorded on this album some time before he came to record it, in 1956. All the songs selected were originally composed for musical theatre or film in the 1920s and 1930s. 'Let's Do It' initially appeared in one of Porter's first hits, 'Paris', from 1928 with the same title written in 1934; 'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye' was first performed in 1934 in *Lively Arts*, and 'Too Darn Hot' is from his longest running and most successful show, *Too Darn Hot*, which opened in 1948. These songs, along with many others Porter wrote, contribute to the music (and the film) that became known as 'The Great American Songbook'.

There is no consensus on a precise list of the songs that make up 'The Great American Songbook', neither is there a physical book; it is simply the name given to the collection of songs many consider to be the most lasting and memorable songs of musical theatre and film from the early to mid twentieth-century (rough dates would be considered to be between the 1920s and the 1950s). Other important composers whose works would be considered essentials in 'The Great American Songbook' are Richard Rogers and Lorenz Hart (a songwriting duo; Rogers wrote the music and Hart the lyrics), Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Oscar Hammerstein, George and Ira Gershwin, Kurt Weill, Hoagy Carmichael, Duke Ellington, and Billie Holiday, among others. To this day, people listen to and perform the shows, play the instruments, and reinvent these songs. 'The Great American Songbook' is often referred to as 'American Songbook'.

Did you know?

A common practice at the time was for composers to write their own melody on the spot. This was often done by these composers as a way of improvisation. One cannot copyright a chord progression, so one example of this is George Gershwin's 'I Got a Rhythm' referred to as 'rhythm changes'. Many jazz songs including Duke Ellington's 'Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing' and Gillespie's **Bebop** standard 'A Night in Tunisia' are based on this way of improvisation.

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These songs were, in many ways, the 'pop music' of their time, and they were often the first songs that musicians would perform and record them almost immediately after their release on stage shows, as they were all brilliant stand-alone compositions about universal themes that anyone would (and still do) play the songs in a more open and complex fashion by adding **harmonic substitutions** and **chord extensions**, and soloists **improvise** over the chords. Songs written for the stage from this period are known as **jazz standards** and are often the core repertoire a jazz musician should know. The fact that all jazz musicians learnt the songs and played the entire gigs together without prior rehearsal, or even an agreed set list.

Harmonic substitution

is where a different chord, that is usually harmonically related, is used instead of the original chord.

Chord extension

is when a chord uses added notes, e.g. a 9th, 11th or 13th.

Improvisation

is, in its most common usage in jazz, a spontaneously invented solo played over a pre-existing melody.

Jazz standards

are jazz versions of show tunes that have become standards with repeated and consistent use by jazz musicians.

Bebop

is a style of jazz from the 1940s and 1950s associated with players such as Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, characterised by its adventurous harmonies, improvised melodies and fast tempos.

New York was a vibrant place for songwriters to be at the time that Porter was active. The theatres were at their peak of popularity. The famous 'Tin Pan Alley' was at the heart of the industry where all the music publishers and composers were based. Among the most famous songwriters were Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. The composers included Richard Rogers, George and Ira Gershwin.

Aspiring composers would come to the music houses of Tin Pan Alley and exhibit their songs. If they were bought, they would be bought by one of the publishers. The publishing companies bought songs from composers. It was common practice that the firm would often put one of their established composers' names on the song as opposed to the 'unknown' who wrote it. Once composers had proved themselves with successful songs, they would be hired as one of the 'in-house composers' for a big salary. In this way, that Porter and many of his contemporaries started out their careers.

Although hard to pinpoint, Tin Pan Alley's origins are reportedly from about 1885, when a group of publishers established themselves in same area of Manhattan; it was from this point on that the area became the heart behind the music industry. In the same way that it is difficult to date its origins, it is difficult to say when Tin Pan Alley faded as a dominant force in the industry. Some cite the Great Depression as the cause, due to the depression's knock-on effect on the music industry, along with technological changes. Others consider it to be as late as the 1950s when Tin Pan Alley eventually lost its hold on the music industry due to the advent of rock and roll which started to take over from this more old-fashioned style. In 'The Great American Song Book', 'Tin Pan Alley' is not a physical street, but a name for the area where publishers were based. It is not entirely clear from where the name originates, but it is often said that a reporter for the *New York Herald* suggested that the sound of many cheap, tinny songs in such a small area made a sound reminiscent of the clattering of tin pans.

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Cole Porter

Cole Porter was born on 9th June 1891, in Peru, Indiana. Porter was born into a wealthy family. His grandfather James Omar 'J O' Cole was one of the wealthiest men in the area after having made his money in coal and timber.

From a young age Porter showed great interest and promise in music. He started playing the violin aged six and the piano aged eight. He also started composing when he was very young, writing his first song at the age of 10.

He went on to study at the prestigious Yale University in 1909, where he studied English, Music and French. He composed a lot of music while at Yale. He wrote many of the Yale football team's 'fight songs' (the American equivalent of team anthems) and also wrote a number of musical theatre scores for drama societies at the college.

After graduating from Yale he went on to study at Harvard Law School to become a lawyer. It was not long before it became clear that Porter did not want to be a lawyer, so he transferred to Harvard's music department instead. It was around this time that he began writing songs for Broadway. His first show, *See America First*, from 1916, however, was a flop.

In 1917 Porter moved to Paris, where he was renowned for his lavish parties and his lifestyle, which was taboo in society at the time, so during his time in Paris he married. The ceremony took place in 1919, but it was a marriage of convenience to maintain the appearance expected at the time; each benefited from the other's social status and connections. In many respects, just a façade to hide Porter's sexuality, there was a genuine affection between the two, who remained married until Thomas eventually passed away in 1954.

In the early 1920s Porter worked and lived around Europe, working in Paris and London, and briefly lived in Venice. Although his output was fairly sporadic, one of his most notable works was *Within the Quota* (originally titled *Landed*), written for the Swedish Ballet Company. He also wrote jazz-influenced symphonic works, predating Gershwin's famous work of this style, by several months.

After moving back to New York, he began working on Broadway and writing for Hollywood. He found more success, and quickly became one of the most influential composers through his collaborations. His first work on his return to Broadway was the 1928 musical *Paris*, which contained the song 'Love for Sale', which was a hit and was the start of a long and fruitful songwriting career.

He was atypical compared with other Broadway composers since he wrote not only songs but also plays. He was known for his catchy yet sophisticated melodies coupled with witty lyrics, which were shocking for the time. He used frequent modulations and complex harmonic structures, including chromatic chords. Many of his songs follow a verse-chorus structure, with verses leading into a chorus. His song 'Love for Sale' was a huge success but only instrumental versions were played due to the subject matter of the song, which was prostitution; this was generally considered inappropriate for the stage.

In 1937 tragedy struck Porter. He had a horse-riding accident which left him disabled and in terrible pain for the rest of his life. This did not stop him writing, though; in fact it provided a distraction from the constant pain of his injuries. After a few failures in the early 1940s, Porter wrote his most successful work *Kiss Me Kate* in 1948. It ran for 1,077 shows on Broadway and 400 in the West End, and won the Tony Award for best musical. 'Too Darn Hot' was one of the show's big hits.

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He continued to write well into the 1950s, and established himself as one of the most successful songwriters of the twentieth century, writing songs for film and stage that includes classics such as 'What a Wonderful Night and Day', 'I Get a Kick Out of You', 'I Got You Under my Skin', 'My Heart Belongs to Somebody Else' and 'All of You'. He wrote countless other songs which are much celebrated and for which he has won many awards. His final Broadway production was *Silk Stockings* from 1955, which had the hit song 'All of You'.

In 1958, due to ulcers, his right leg had to be amputated. This seemed to have a profound effect on him and he never worked after the operation and spent the rest of his days in relative seclusion in his apartment in New York. On 15th October 1964 Porter died of kidney failure, leaving behind a body of work of any composer in the twentieth century.

Ella Fitzgerald

Ella Fitzgerald was born on 25th April 1917 in Newport News, Virginia. As a young child, she moved to Yonkers, a city situated just outside of New York City. As a young girl, she was passionate about dancing, and had piano lessons and sang in church as well. Her mother tragically died of a heart attack in 1932, when Fitzgerald was just 15. Fitzgerald briefly continued living with her stepfather in Yonkers until moving in with her aunt in Harlem, New York, in 1933. There is some speculation as to whether Fitzgerald's stepfather was abusive towards her after her mother's death – speculation due partly to her sudden move to Harlem and her erratic behaviour in the period of time afterwards.

She began skipping school and acted as a lookout for a Mafia-run Brothel. She was then placed in an orphanage, and after a short time there attended New York Reform School for Girls, a correctional school 120 miles from New York City. After escaping from there, she spent a small amount of time homeless on the streets of New York City.

Her first achievement as a singer was when she won 'Amateur Night' at the Apollo Theatre in 1935, aged 18 years old and was originally going to dance, but after being intimidated by a dancer, she chose at the last minute to sing. She won the 25 dollar prize. Not long after this, she was given the opportunity to sing with Tiny Bradshaw's band. It was around this time she met Chick Webb.

It was with Chick Webb that Fitzgerald would establish herself as a credible performer. Webb released music that was well received. The first recording released was 'Love and Happiness' which reached number one in the US charts with the single 'Goodnight my Love' with Fitzgerald. Her breakthrough record to be the 1938 version of 'A-Tisket, A-Tasket', which sold over a million copies. After Webb's death in 1939, Fitzgerald took over as bandleader and the name of the band was changed to 'The Famous Orchestra'.

In 1942, which was a year after her ill-fated marriage to Bill Kornegay, a convicted criminal, she left 'The Famous Orchestra' behind to pursue a solo career. She soon met jazz impresario Norman Granz, who became her manager and would play a big part in both her musical career and this particular period. She recorded material with the vocal group The Ink Spots with 'I'm Making Believe' and 'Into Each Life Some Rain Comes' reaching number one in 1946, which added to her popularity.

Throughout the 1940s, Fitzgerald developed her singing style and became well known for her impeccable phrasing and 'horn-like' improvisations. While touring with bebop pianist Dizzy Gillespie, she became heavily influenced by this new and exciting style of jazz that was developing. Some of her recordings that demonstrate her innovations in jazz singing are 'Flying Home' from 1945 and 'A Foggy Day' from 1947. In 1947 she married jazz bassist Ray Brown, who she had met while on tour with Gillespie in 1946. They adopted a son together, Ray Brown Junior.

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In 1953 Brown and Fitzgerald divorced, but would they still perform together and was around this time that Fitzgerald joined Norman Granz's legendary 'Jazz at the' where she performed and recorded with famous trumpeter and singer Louis Armstrong. Granz's new record label Verve, after leaving Decca, who she had been with since 1945. Granz created the label with Fitzgerald as its starting point and main focus to release the renowned Songbook Series, *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Songbook*.

Fitzgerald toured extensively, often touring for over 40 weeks of the year. She recorded albums that were also incredibly popular, with *Ella in Berlin* and *Ella in London* being notable. Her contract with Verve was bought by MGM in 1963 and, when in 1967 Fitzgerald's contract was not renewed, she moved to Atlantic. She recorded music through the record labels Atlantic, Columbia, MPS Records, Reprise, Capitol, and Blue Note, founded by Granz, and was the label on which the majority of her later work would be released from the mid 1960s and for the remainder of her career. She collaborated with many of the great jazz musicians of the times including Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Pass, Count Basie, and many others, just a few.

After her years with Verve, Fitzgerald dabbled with material based outside the jazz world, releasing albums that included renditions of hymns, Christmas songs, soul, and country and western music, as well as **straight-ahead jazz** albums. She also made TV and film appearances during her career, becoming a household name beyond the jazz community, and she was a household name and important public figure. She won several awards, including 14 Grammys, with one of those being a prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in 1992. Her final recording was 'All That Jazz' from 1989 and she gave her last performance in 1993.

Straight-ahead jazz

This term is often used to describe mainstream jazz, which draws its main influence from swing. It generally makes use of 'swing' feel and is in contrast to more progressive or experimental jazz.

From the mid 1980s her health deteriorated, and she was in and out of hospital frequently. She had respiratory and heart problems, needing a quadruple bypass in 1986. She also suffered from complications in 1993, her legs had to be amputated below the knee, and she spent the last years of her life in a wheelchair. Fitzgerald eventually died from her diabetes on 15th June 1996 in Los Angeles. She made a lasting imprint on the world of jazz, and is still seen as somewhat of a benchmark for female jazz singers.

Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book in Concert

The 'Songbook Series' are some of Ella Fitzgerald's most celebrated and acclaimed recordings. They were hugely popular with the general public and critics alike. It was a series of eight albums released between 1956 and 1964 and covered the work of composers Cole Porter, Rogers and Hart, George and Ira Gershwin, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern and Johnny Mercer.

Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book was the first of the series. Fitzgerald was at the time of its release, having already had a fruitful solo career; and she had collaborated with many of the most influential jazz artists of the time. Her previous work had encompassed swing and bebop, which was a marked departure from those styles. She was known for her vocal dexterity, and her style hadn't been previously heard from a jazz singer. She innovated on songs, **scat singing**, and her 'horn-like' voice, as it was often described at the time. In this record, however, Fitzgerald took a straightforward approach to interpreting the songs. Benny Green said of Ella Fitzgerald's recordings:

'... perfect intonation, natural ear for harmony, vast vocal range and purity of tone. Her versions of these beautifully witty, gay, sad, lovingly wrought songs the de'

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¹ Carr, I, Fairweather, D and Priestley, B, *The Rough Guide to Jazz* (London: Rough Guides Ltd, 2004), p. 100.

Green's comments on Ella's performance focus mainly on the aesthetics of her voice, the way that Fitzgerald's incredible musicality and enormous technical ability are capped with restraint, that makes this record remarkable. Her often simple, yet moving, interpretation allowed the compositions and lyrics themselves to take centre stage. Porter's vocal challenges to a singer of Fitzgerald's technical ability, which meant Fitzgerald could deliver the tune and lyrics of these songs.

Scat singing

A style of vocal improvisation, sung without lyrics to nonsense syllables known as scat singing, and rhythmic vitality.

Buddy Bregman, who used different groupings of personnel taken from his own orchestra and other sources, arranged the songs for this album. Both the arrangements and orchestration were of a high standard, making use of violins, violas, harp, flute and oboe, which were far from conventional for a jazz album at the time. In the wider world of jazz there had been a decline in the touring swing era and 1940s. The jazz scene had begun to favour the smaller ensemble, so the large orchestra made this recording quite distinct from other contemporary jazz that was prevalent at the time. The fact that these smaller bands' repertoires also featured much material from 'The Great American Songbook', as Scott Yanow, in his book *Bebop* remarks on how the series of albums so contrary to the trend of the time went on to make such a lasting impression:

Ella mostly sticks to the lyrics (there is almost no scatting), and the orchestration is sometimes a bit straight, but these renditions do justice to the composers' work. The songs of Cole Porter and Ira Gershwin were reportedly among those who thought highly of Ella. The two that form the Duke Ellington Songbook.¹

The 'Songbook Series' as it became known, was quite intentionally in conflict with the trend of the time. Norman Granz, who conceived the idea of the 'Songbook Series', thought it a way to bring the music of the great composers already immortalised in the jazz community, to a much wider audience. Bop's complex harmonic substitutions and extensions, are largely dispensed with in favour of a more traditional compositional focus. This makes this album much more accessible to the average listener, who is especially interested in typical jazz recordings.

Granz was instrumental in both the success of these albums and Ella's career as a solo artist. Granz recognised the 'star quality' in Fitzgerald's voice. He became her manager and the conception of the Verve record label was initiated with the express intent of recording her. He had already made his imprint on the jazz world with his 'Jazz at the Philharmonic' series, which was the jazz combo, almost inseparably associated with the jazz club, to the more formal concert hall.

The first of these was in 1944 and featured Illinois Jacquet, Nat King-Cole, J J Johnson and others. The series ran at irregular intervals up until 1983 and featured many of jazz's most important artists who featured in the concert series include Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz and Oscar Peterson, to name just a handful of the influential musicians who achieved great success and had a wider social impact than previous concerts.

Granz was an ardent campaigner for racial equality, at a time when racism was becoming a major issue in American society. The audience for the 'Jazz at the Philharmonic' concerts was overwhelmingly white. While on the road, Granz would insist that the black musicians would receive the same treatment as the white musicians in the hotels and venues they stayed at.

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¹ Yanow, S, *Bebop* (San Francisco, California: Miller Freeman Books, 2000), p 18

When they began to work on this project, Granz and Fitzgerald sat down with a list of tunes, which was eventually whittled down to just 50. With the help of arranger Nelson Riddle, they settled on 32 Porter compositions that were to be released on a double LP album. The way that made them much truer to the original versions than many of the modern recordings that have been.

Granz considered Cole Porter's songs to have beautiful melodies which always showed a high quality of performance and, for this reason, he chose Cole Porter as the first composer for the 'Songbook Series':

... I can only submit that there has been a universal acceptance of Porter's songs. They have stood every possible test of time, of good and bad voice, and of good and bad taste. Through it all, the loveliness of the melodies cuts through.¹

Granz highlights the 'bridge' of his songs as a real strength of Porter's composition. It often has great, unexpected twists and turns as Porter reaches the bridge. In most 'Songbook' songs, the bridge is repeated, often three times more than the bridge, so it is important that when the bridge occurs, it is the real event that punctuates the many repetitions of the A section.

In Porter's compositions there is always an exciting and unforeseen twist or change that makes it feel out of place. He will often modulate into different keys; move from major to minor, or change the character of the melody, or subject of the lyrics. For example, 'Let's Do It' has an outer A section in the major key with a rhythmically tense, syncopated inner B section in the subdominant minor, and flattened mediant keys.

A ¹ , A ² , bars 1–20	B, bars 21–28	
F maj	D min, B \flat min, A \flat maj	

But for me personally there is a special important quality about Porter and his songs, and above all, honest craftsmanship. For example, in that part of the song which is called the 'bridge'... most song writers display a lamentable lack of honesty and honest labour in working out this most difficult part of a song. Porter, on the other hand, works hard, at making this part of the song the strongest, and in many cases, the best of his melody, and that is good. I think no matter what Porter's melody may be, you understand it and receive that small sense of emotional satisfaction that makes it beautiful...²



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¹ Granz, N, *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Songbook* – original liner notes (Hollywood Records, 1956)

² Granz, N, *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Songbook* – original liner notes (Hollywood Records, 1956)

Cole Porter's Compositions in Context

The most fondly remembered of Cole Porter's hundreds of compositions are those for stage and film. He was one of the biggest names on Tin Pan Alley, and one of the most successful composers and lyricists on Broadway; only he and Irving Berlin, of all the great Broadway songwriters, had as many hits and lyrics of their works.

Individual songs of his have far outlived the musical shows from which they originated. They were more memorable than the storylines. In many of his compositions, the harmonic language is based on extended chords (such as 7ths and 9ths) and chromaticism. However, the fact that his music is grounded in functional progressions such as cadences makes them accessible to a wider audience. His music underpin catchy melodies that perfectly complement the witty and poignant lyrics. This approach to musical theatre was a rarity at the time, and helped establish Porter as one of the greatest composers and lyricists of the period.

Porter's lyrics are known for their ability to both raise a smile with witty, playful rhymes and evoke powerful emotions of love and heartbreak, often in one song. They reference events, people and literature to current events, pop culture, human trends, public figures and celebrities. In the introduction to *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book*, Fred Lounsberry writes extensively about Porter's lyrics. He comments on a number of distinctive features of 'the Cole Porter style', contrasting the contrast between the richness of expression and the clarity, relevance and restraint of his lyrics.

... They contain so many riches that they appear to burst into being like the sun out of a cloud. And yet, they are rigidly disciplined.... The most elaborate lyric and the most complex pattern and no matter the number or nature of the words, they are always controlled. The lines. But even more noteworthy is the fact that everything in a Porter lyric is always directly on the main theme¹

Just as Lounsberry makes the observation that Porter would draw on a great diversity of influences in his lyrics, the very same observation can be made of the music he wrote. His compositions are a mix of moods and styles. They range from the most heart-rending, melancholic ballads to the most upbeat numbers. As with most show tunes, Porter's compositions generally follow established forms. The songs of Porter are usually comprised of two eight-bar sections arranged to make a 32-bar form. The most common of these sections is AABA, although the arrangements of ABAC and ABAB were also common.

Broadway songs also include an opening verse section; they were generally performed before the plot of the show. They were a way of making the transition from normal dialogue to the musical, and, in some senses, these are the show tunes' versions of operatic recitatives. Porter included in versions unconnected to the musicals. However, Fitzgerald, in the 'So Rarely' section, includes rarely included verse sections; 'Love for Sale' and 'I Get a Kick out of You' are two examples.

Rubato

is a term used to describe music played without a strict pulse, where the musician is free to sing expressively.

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At a time when classical music was becoming more experimental and niche, Porter brought conventional pre-twentieth-century classical music into his own songs, thus adding to the popular song.

Cole Porter was the most gifted of a richly talented generation of composers of popular music in the 1920s and 30s. It had started the century, for the most part, with the banal and trite, the gauche, poor relation of classical music. Cole Porter, more than any other, was musically and lyrically sophisticated, emotionally satisfying and subtle.¹

Within Porter's use of harmony and the configuration of his melodies, there is often the influence of formal classical music training, which elevates popular song to the level of 'art' with the listener.

Classically trained, he could have made a career in 'art music'. Instead he chose the popular field. His classical background was of great significance, though, because he succeeded precisely by using the sophisticated techniques of classical music. But he was not a classical pop audience didn't find anything outside or beyond its taste.²



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¹ Goodall, H, *Cole Porter* (n.p.: howardgoodall.co.uk, 2016) <http://www.howardgoodall.co.uk/presenting/howard-goodalls-20th-century-greats/great-dates-cole-porter>

² Howardgoodall.co.uk, 2016

Extension: Cole Porter and the Jewish Music Scene

The majority of the composers operating on Broadway at the same time as Porter saw Porter as somewhat of an anomaly. In fact, to this day, the Songwriters' Hall of Fame lists Porter as composers and lyricists.

In an account of a meeting with Cole Porter at his palatial rented property in Venice, contemporary Richard Rogers recalls how Porter informed him of the secret to his success. The minor-key melodies of such famed Porter tunes as 'Night and Day,' 'Love for Sale' and 'Unmistakably eastern Mediterranean,' Rodgers wrote in *Musical Stages*, his autobiography.

It is quite difficult to define 'Jewish tunes' in the context of 'The American Songbook' but there are noteworthy examples. Apart from much use of the minor key, some liturgical melodies are no coincidence that some of the top songwriters were the sons of cantors and were familiar with Judaic liturgy from a young age. For example, Gershwin used liturgical melodies as a model for numbers in his opera *Porgy and Bess*: 'It Ain't Necessarily So' comes from a chant for the Torah, and the opening of 'Swanee' may be sourced from Sabbath prayers.

Of course, both music and lyrics draw on a variety of traditions:

There are also other particularities about the music, bent notes and altered rhythms, the Judaic tradition on the one hand, and to African-American forms of music on the other. At the same time, the lyric writers set store by their wit and ingenuity, and a particular kind of cleverness and humor is part of the Jewish cultural inheritance.

Although Rogers may have overstated Porter's ability to write 'Jewish tunes', it does show that Porter was amongst his peers:

It is surely one of the ironies of the musical theatre that despite the abundance of Jewish composers who have written the most enduring 'Jewish' music should be and Episcopalians own a farm in Peru, Indiana.³

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¹ Rodgers, R, *Musical Stages: An Autobiography* (New York: Random House, 1975)

² Katz, J, *Jewish Songwriters, American Songs* (Washington, Smithsonian.com, 2009): <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/jewish-songwriters-american-songs-180.html>

³ Rodgers, R, *Musical Stages: An Autobiography* (New York: Random House, 1975)

'Ev'ry Time We Say Good

Basic Information and Structure

Key: B♭ major (Cole Porter's original key was E♭ major. This transposition was present in Ella's vocal range, and is a common practice in jazz.)

Time signature: 4/4

Structure/form: The form and structure of 'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye' is typical of the 1930s, consisting of two eight-bar sections, the 'A section' and 'B section', that alternate and repeat to form a 32-bar form. The two sections are arranged like this to make up the 32-bar form:

A	8 bars
B	8 bars
A	8 bars
B	8 bars

This simple form is then repeated, and an intro and outro added, to create the overall structure of the recording. The major part of this recording features the vocal melody, but in the instrumental sections (A³), the form features the orchestra playing a slightly embellished version of the A section played by the strings and the B section played by the woodwind. The overall structure is displayed in the table below:

Intro	4 bars (1–4)	Instrumental intro
A¹	8 bars (5–12)	Vocal
B¹	8 bars (13–20)	Vocal
A²	8 bars (21–28)	Vocal
B²	6 bars (29–34) overlaps with A ³ at the cadence	Vocal
A³	8 bars (35–42)	String Section solo
B³	8 bars (43–50)	Wind Section solo
A⁴	8 bars (51–58)	Vocal
B⁴	6 bars (59–66) overlaps with A ⁴ at the cadence	Vocal
Outro	2 bars (67–68)	Instrumental outro

Soli

is the plural of solo. In a jazz big band it refers to an entire section playing in harmony. In a string quartet it refers to a divided string section with only one player to play each part.

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Instrumentation/orchestration: The combination of instruments from the Buddy particular song is as follows:

Soloist	Vocals
Woodwind	Flute
	Oboe
Strings	Violins
	Violas
	Cellos
	Harp
Rhythm section	Guitar
	Bass
	Drums

The lack of saxophones, trumpets and trombones that feature in many other tracks, the flute, harp and strings, make this song sound rather old-fashioned, considering the time it was arranged and recorded. The drums and guitar, which were two of the most typical instruments of the time, and are some of the most audible driving forces in many of the other songs, are not as audible within the overall balance of the other instruments, with bass, strings, harp and woodwinds being more audible, other than the voice.

Intro

The introduction to this song is a short four-bar instrumental section. The violins ascend and descend back through the same chords. Along with the violas, they are called **tremolo**. The harp also plays the same chords on the 1st beat of each bar, and the cellos play the same chords on the 3rd beat of each bar as well. The chords are simply alternating B \flat ⁶ and C \natural ⁷, but the B \flat is in the bass of the B \flat ⁶ inversions by the violins, violas and harp, and over the 3rd, which is in the bass. The cellos play the C \natural ⁷ inversions by the violins, violas and harp, and over the 1st, which is in the bass. This creates a different quality, and creates the ascending and descending **root movement**. The cello phrase, which is a repeated two-bar melody. Below is a short score of the introduction, along with the chord changes:

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Bb⁶ Cm⁷ Bb⁶/D

Exercise 1: Bb6 Cm7 Bb6/D

A¹ Accompaniment/Harmony

The accompaniment and harmony of the A section, as it first appears, is presented in comparison to how it is played later on in the piece. Both the harmony and orchestration are played for the first time through this section; this means that the piece as a whole can build and sustain the listener's interest. The chords are, for the most part, in the key of B \flat major, but there are times when chords are used which are primarily made up of notes from other keys. These are momentary and add small instances of tension to the section. The full chords found with the musical excerpt in the vocal melody section A¹.

Below is a bar-by-bar explanation of the way in which harmony and other melodic support the main vocal melody.

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Bar	Key Features
Bars 5–7	<p>Bars 5–7 are played as a B\flat pedal, which is the overall key of the song.</p> <p>The bass establishes a two-feel where the bass plays on beats 1 and 3 and the guitar plays on beats 2 and 4, between the root and the 5th to establish the pedal.</p> <p>The guitar plays B\flat triads on every beat of the bar and continues to comp in a comping style throughout.</p> <p>There is an ascending unison cello line; after initially going down a 6th from the 5th, it then goes up a 2nd, before going back down a tone and repeats this pattern.</p> <p>There is a simple three-note flute phrase, which answers the vocal melody. It is shifted rhythmically to start on a different part of the bar to compensate for the melody. It is based on the 3rd and root.</p>

Activity 1

The musical excerpt below is the cello line played in bars 5–8. Fill in the missing notes.



Root movement

Is the sequence, and movement, of the root notes of a chord progression.

Tremolo

Is the rapid repetition of a single note or chord, or rapid alternation between two notes or chords.

Pedal

Is a sustained or repeated note in the bass where harmonies change.

Two-feel

Is where the bass plays on beats 1 and 3 instead of a 'walking bass line', which plays on every beat.

Comping

Is a term used to define playing which concentrates on harmonic and rhythmic accompaniment. Usually in reference to the rhythm-section instruments.

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Bar 8	<p>The bass continues to play the root and 5th in the home key of B\flat while harmonic instruments play a IIm⁷-V⁷ chord progression leading back to B\flat. Strictly speaking, due to the pedal being sustained by the bass, it is 5th throughout the pedal is played on the 3rd beat, where it acts as the I chord).</p> <p>A similar flute phrase is played but with the notes transposed up a tone to accommodate for the new chord changes.</p>
Bars 9–10	<p>Bar 9 starts on the tonic (or I) chord, following on from the II–V in the previous bar. Instead of the pedal or sustained tonic chord, the root movement of the bass is \flatIII–II.</p> <p>Harmonically, the II (which is a minor chord) is diatonic to the home key of B\flat and is simply used as a passing chord as a moment of tension, and is played as a minor chord, which is also diatonic to the home key in other instances of the II chord. Both the bass and cellos simply play the root on beats 1 and 3 while the flute continues its comping on the beats as before.</p> <p>On beats 3 and 4 of bar 10 during the Cm chord, the bass plays C to F, which can be seen to be another II–V progression, at least in terms of the perceived root movement. The flute plays a similar answering phrase to that used in bars 5–8 except that on beat 4 of bar 9; it goes chromatically down from B\flat to A\flat, outlining the chord from Cm⁷ – D\flat (the 7th to the 3rd).</p>
Bars 11–12	<p>In bar 11 there is a I chord which changes from a standard major chord to a dominant 7th chord in the second half of the bar; this is once again outlined by the phrase of the cellos, which play a descending chromatic phrase from B\flat to F\flat (the root to the dominant 7th).</p> <p>In bar 12 the chord changes to the IV minor, which anticipates a change to the B section.</p> <p>Again, the cellos descend from the A\flat they ended on in the previous bar to the minor 3rd of the E\flat minor chord).</p>

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A¹ Vocal Melody

Throughout the song, Fitzgerald sings a fairly straight rendition of the melody, with embellishments. The most striking feature of her rendition of the melody is the **laid-back** feel that is quite behind the beat, giving it a sense of being on top of the rhythmically solid accompaniment.

Laid-back

When music is played with a very relaxed, slightly behind the beat feel.

The melody over the eight-bar A section is comprised of a four-bar phrase that is based on a minor 3rd, with slight alterations in bars 10 and 11 to compensate for the lyrics in the second half. It starts and remains on the 3rd of the B \flat chord on which it begins, and then moves to land on the 3rd of both the Cm⁷/B \flat and F chords. The introduction of extra chords gives a sense of movement to the still-stagnant melody, as opposed to the stationary feeling it gives in bars 5–8. The note sung becomes the 5th of the B \flat chords, 4th of the Cm⁷ and C \flat chord. The chord of E \flat min in bar 12 means the sung phrase is based on the same chord as it was in bar 8.

Activity 2

What is the aesthetic effect of using a minor chord in conjunction with the words: *I did a little*?

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B¹ Accompaniment/Harmony

The B section, on its first playing, is where the song begins to build, through the use of more complex harmonies. There is more going on in the countermelodies and accompanying melodic phrase than in the simplistic accompaniment of the first A section. Tonally it moves away from the B \flat of the chords in the A section are related. There is the introduction of violins and piano that adds further decoration to the melody. The harmonies used travel through different keys, giving it much more of a sense of movement harmonically. This, alongside the complex style of accompaniment, gives this section a rather different feel and sound compared to the first eight bars. The full chord sequence for this section can be found with the musical notation for section B¹.

The table on the next page gives a more in-depth account of how these harmonic elements and instrumentation are implemented.

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Bar	Key Features
Bar 13	<p>After having ended the A section on a IV min chord in bar 12, the cello descends down a semitone to a III min chord.</p> <p>The second half of the bar is a bIII min, which acts as a chromatic passing chord that leads down to the next chord in bar 14 (a II min chord).</p> <p>The cellos play a line that goes up an octave in crotchets from an F in the 3rd of the D min chord; it then descends chromatically along with the bass.</p>
Bar 14	<p>In bar 14, after the downward chromatic movement of bar 13, it lands on a II min chord, which is the start of a II–V–I chord progression back into the key of Bb.</p> <p>On beat 3, violins are introduced and enter playing a countermelody of ascending quavers, the most rapid phrase in the accompaniment so far. This sudden change in the texture and pace of the accompaniment is in contrast to what has come before.</p> <p>The cellos continue the descending phrase in minims.</p>

Chromatic passing chord

is a chord (usually unrelated to the tonic key) that bridges the gap between two chords, making momentary use of the chord that lies chromatically between them (the harmonic that may be used in a melody).

II V I

is a very common chord progression in jazz, used as a means of implying different keys, before the I chord.

Countermelody

is a contrasting melody, played in counterpoint against the main melody.

Bar 15	<p>Having been set up by a II–V progression, that would usually be followed by a major I chord, there is instead a slash chord Bb⁷/F, which is simply a Bb⁷ chord in the bass, where the root is the same as the previous chord, an F.</p> <p>Then the bass moves from the 5th down to the root, changing to a Bb⁷ chord.</p> <p>This is another example of the bass suggesting a II–V–I progression. From bars 15 to 16, the progression would be a simple Bb⁷–Eb.</p> <p>The strings hold sustained chords in minims following on from the previous bar.</p>
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<p>Bars 16–17</p>	<p>Bar 16 follows on from the B\flat⁷ in bar 15 with an E\flat major chord, completing the V–I harmonic move.</p> <p>An E\flat minor chord in bar 17 follows. In relation to the tonic key, this is a VI maj – VI min chord progression, which is a common harmonic movement found in much popular music from the twentieth century.</p> <p>While the VI maj chord is diatonic to the home key, a simple alteration of the listener feel much further away from the tonal centre. This is achieved just the small change of one note in the chord.</p> <p>The violins start bar 16 with a descending quaver line, which leads into a rhythm that winds down into minims.</p> <p>The cellos continue with their descending phrase of minims, causing dissonance. However, there is a crochet rest, on beat one of bar 17 and continue on beat 2.</p>	
<p>Bar 18</p>	<p>After some time away from the tonic, we return to the home key.</p> <p>The orchestra and rhythm section carry on comping, and there is a quaver phrase in the violins that leads into the turnaround.</p> <p>The cellos break out of the minims and catch the last note of the violin at the end of the bar.</p>	
<p>Bars 19–20</p>	<p>There is then a turnaround featuring some diminished and half-diminished chords which creates some tension before returning to the A section and the home key.</p> <p>Bar 19 starts on a B\flat dim chord that rises to a F⁷, and then goes down to an E\flat major chord, which is commonly known as a half-diminished chord, after which it goes to the tonic.</p> <p>These two chords form another II–V that leads back to its resolution (I), when it gets back to the A section.</p> <p>In bar 19, after hearing short brief flourishes from the harp that we heard earlier in the section, the harp continues to outline the turnaround with flourishes in a row; this also adds to the feeling of movement and tension.</p> <p>The violins play their most rhythmically complex and flowing line so far. A melody decorates the turnaround further, and creates counterpoint with the harp melody before then leading back to the A section.</p> <p>The cellos continue by playing minims, as they have for most of the section.</p>	

Slash chord

is a chord where a prescribed note that is not the root is to be played in the left hand. For example, in a B \flat ⁷ chord where an F is to be played in the bass.

Syncopated rhythm

is a simple and steady pulse disrupted by anticipated or delayed notes.

Turnaround

is a term used to denote a chord progression that usually travels through a range of sections, or forms, and that resolves back to the tonic.

Half-diminished chord

is a chord with a minor 3rd, diminished 5th and minor 7th above the root.

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¹ Carr, I, Fairweather, D and Priestley, B, *The Rough Guide to Jazz*, (London: Rough Guides Ltd, 2004), p. 100.

B¹ Vocal Melody

The melody of the B section starts much higher than where it ended in the A section, moving from a C to a B \flat . This is the highest note the melody has hit so far, which adds to the rising feel. As seen in the example below, this section is again comprised of two very similar four-bar phrases. The second phrase is lower in pitch in the second half of the section so as to work its way down to the A section, which is in a lower register.

13 Dm D \flat ^o Cm F⁷ B \flat ⁷/F B \flat ⁷ 3
Why the gods a - bove me who must be in

17 E \flat m B \flat B \flat ^o F⁷ 3
think so lit - tle of me they al - low you to

The four-bar phrase is slightly altered again to fit the different chord progression, but the phrase is kept the same. Fitzgerald again phrases a lot of the melody in an inclined feel, using a particularly laid-back crochet triplet feel on the words 'so little'. The melody moves up the chords apart from the first beat of bar 18, where the G \flat (the flat 5th) is used, which is not usually have an unaltered 5th. As with the A section Fitzgerald is very expressive in his phrasing, using a generous amount of vibrato, as well as vocal inflections and rhythmic flexibility.

A² Accompaniment

The accompaniment in the A² section continues to add instruments with increasing intensity and countermelodies that contribute to the general sense of build-up that has been established in the A¹ section. The rhythm section continues in a very similar fashion to the previous section, with a contrast in the strings and woodwind. The section begins with an accompanying melody for oboe and strings for four bars, which then continues with a lush string section accompanying the vocal for four bars. This eight-bar section is shown below:

21 B \flat Cm⁷ Dm Cm⁷ B \flat B \flat /F Cm⁷
Why the gods a - bove me who must be in

25 B \flat Cm⁷ D \flat F B \flat B \flat ⁷ E \flat
think so lit - tle of me they al - low you to

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Bar	Key Features
Bars 21–24	<p>The first four bars (21–24) of the excerpt above are the violin and oboe part is played in conjunction with the main vocal melody as a counter-melody. This part is built mainly on chord tones.</p> <p>For example, the upward quaver phrase that is played over the vocal melody in bars 21–24 uses the notes of a Cm^7 chord, starting on a G (the 5th).</p> <p>The use of the oboe and violins together is a new instrumental texture. The prominence of the countermelody helps maintain the listener's interest in this repetition of the A section; this is in contrast to the stark orchestration of the first section.</p>
Bars 25–28	<p>In bars 25 to 28 the full string section is used for the first time: violins, violas, cellos all play at the same time. They are playing in a homophonic texture.</p> <p>This change to another new instrumentation has a powerful effect on the listener, since it gives the backings a much richer, fuller sound.</p> <p>The full string section playing the same phrase in harmony is by far the most and densest part of the arrangement up until now, and there is a new texture. The phrase played in block chords. These new textures and styles of music all help draw the listener in and ensure that the repetition of phrases and parts of music always sounds new and exciting.</p> <p>The upward movement in bar 25 uses different inversions of the chord. This follows the contour of the main melodic line. This helps maintain the listener's interest even when the harmony is static.</p>
Bar 26	<p>In bar 26 the $\text{D}\flat^6$ voicing used in the first half of the bar could also be described as an inverted $\text{B}\flat$ minor chord.</p> <p>The $\text{D}\flat^6$ chord then resolves to the F major triad for the second half of the bar, which releases the tension.</p>
Bars 27–28	<p>Bar 27 alternates between a normal $\text{B}\flat$ triad and a $\text{B}\flat$ major⁷ chord (voiced as if it were a D minor chord).</p> <p>Bar 28 moves from a $\text{E}\flat$ triad, to a $\text{E}\flat^6$ (which is voiced the same as a $\text{B}\flat$ major⁷ chord) before resolving to a normal $\text{E}\flat$ minor chord.</p> <p>In bars 27 and 28 the cellos stop moving in parallel with the other strings and play a downward run (notated as the lowest line in the musical example). The violins and violas continue to play through the chords with a more complex texture where notes lead into each other via small intervals as opposed to the block chords.</p> <p>In bars 27 and 28 there are other instances of slight changes to the voicing of the chords, which slightly differ from the notes in the chord symbols.</p>

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Chord tones

are the notes of the chord, denoted by the chord symbol, e.g. Cm⁷, used in a r always include the main triad and then any extensions defined by the chord sy

Homophonic

Is a texture consisting of melody and accompaniment or blo

Block chords

as opposed to broken chords, are a chorale-like combination of harmonic

Inversions

are chords where the bottom note is a note other than the root. For example, an the bottom note of the chord, but still use all the extensions and chord fo

A² Harmony

Harmonically, since this is an A section, A² is, for the most part, similar to A¹. How differences between the two sections in their harmony. These are detailed in the

Bar	Key Features
Bars 21–22	<p>As mentioned in the harmonic analysis of the A¹ section, the first fo are played as a B\flat pedal.</p> <p>However, A² begins with a chord sequence, which is then used in al repetitions of the A section.</p> <p>The progression is already familiar as in A¹ (bars 9 and 10) a similar progression is used. The basic progression is I–II–III–II, and is show example of the string and wind accompaniment.</p> <p>The difference is that when this progression is used for the first half section, a D min chord is used (instead of the D\flat chord used in the s when it appears in the second four bars of the section).</p> <p>The D min chord is diatonic to the tonic key of B\flat major, whereas th chord is not.</p>
Bars 23–24	<p>The music returns to the tonic chord of B\flat again – the same chord a but in the second half of the bar an F is played in the bass to produ progression of B\flat – B\flat/F.</p> <p>This is then followed by a II–V in the home key (Cm⁷–F) which is the II–V as is used in A¹, but since there is no pedal in A², the Cm⁷/B\flat is c to a simple Cm⁷ chord.</p>
Bars 25–27	Harmonically, these bars are the same as A ¹ .
Bar 28	In this bar there are two beats on E \flat , which changes to E \flat min, as op to being a whole bar of E \flat min, as it is in A ¹ .

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A² Vocal Melody

In this section, Fitzgerald develops ideas established in the earlier sections of the piece. The accompaniment uses and develops variety in the repetition of sections to maintain interest. In the A² section, Fitzgerald uses **rhythmic displacement** to change the feel of the melody. The notes and words land compare to the first A section. She also continues to use a variety of techniques, giving the melody a very fluid, floating feel in this section.

Below is an approximate notation of the way in which she phrases the melody, although it does not precisely reflect the relaxed nature of her singing.

In bars 21–22 and 25–26 you can clearly see the way in which Fitzgerald changes the

21 B♭ Cm⁷ Dm Cm⁷ B♭ B♭/F Cm⁷
 when you're near there's such an air of spring
 25 B♭ Cm⁷ D♭ F B♭ B♭⁷ E♭
 I can hear a lark some- where be-gin to sing

When compared with what she sings in A¹ (p. 16), you notice the much straighter, syncopated rhythm.

The slight change of starting on the offbeat of beat 1 (in bar 21), and on beat 2 (in bar 25), and the change in the rhythm of the phrases, and all the words land on different beats of the bar, resulting in a more syncopated and complex rhythm.

Rhythmic displacement

is the technique of taking a musical phrase and changing the beat that it starts on, and placement of notes for the same melody.

B² Accompaniment/Harmony

In this section the accompaniment changes back to a more subdued backing, similar to the first section. The instrumentation is stripped back from the fuller orchestration heard in the previous section and cello. In the section there are more instruments added but they are used in a more restrained way, and are much lower in volume than in the previous section. Harmony differs from the chord sequence used in the B¹ section. The table on the next page lists the features of the accompaniment in this section.

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Bar	Key Features
Bars 29–30	<p>Harmonically, there is no difference between these two bars and bars of the B¹ section.</p> <p>The accompaniment is the rhythm section comping in the same way with the two-feel in the bass, and the guitar playing chords on beats 1 and 3. The cellos play the same phrase as the first two bars of B¹ (bars 13 and 14).</p> <p>There's a short flute interjection in bar 30, which is simply a quick trilled long note.</p>
Bars 31–32	<p>After the II–V in bar 30, in bar 31, instead of the B^{b7}/F–B^{b7}, which is bar 15 (the equivalent bar in the B¹ section), The chords move from a B^{b7} chord to an E^b. This reduces the length of phrase B² from the eight bars of phrase B¹ to 6 bars. Although the qualities of the chords are not 7th to dominant 7th, the specified root notes of the chords create a sense of movement.</p> <p>In bar 32 the first two beats are an E^b minor chord, which is immediately preceded by an E^b major chord. This use of a minor chord immediately after a major chord with the same root reflects the text of bar 23: 'from major to minor'. This is another example of the 'IV–minor' progression that was first explained in bars 16 and 17 (p. 20).</p> <p>Another interesting observation of the use of harmony here is that the E^b minor chord in bar 31 which was acting as the V of a II–V, the E^b minor which is part of the IV minor movement is also the II of another II–V in bar 32 (E^b–A^{b13}). So in one sense the change from E^b–E^b min is not only a minor movement but also an IV–IV min in relation to the home key of B^b, but also the V of one chord is the II of another. In other words, the E^b minor chord which completes the minor movement is also the first chord of a II–V.</p> <p>The strings are reintroduced playing chords in minims for these two bars. They are subdued and intrude on the melody less than the previous section. Therefore, much less of a focus.</p>
Bars 33–34	<p>Bars 33–34 are the final two-bar phrase of the section. They round off the time through the form through a II⁷–V⁷ progression ending on the tonic chord of B^b.</p> <p>The countermelody played by the violins circles around the tonic chord, moving through the degrees of the scale, anticipating the return of the tonic chord at the start of section A³.</p>

Activity 3

Compare sections B¹ and B². List three differences you notice in the accompaniment.

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B² Vocal Melody

Ella's singing is back to being at the fore, after there has been a build-up in the piano accompaniment over the previous two sections. She continues to use relaxed phrasing and the rhythm of certain parts of the melody.

The melody itself is slightly altered from the melody in B¹. It starts off in a similar way, but there is a change in the melody. This is partially to fit the lyric 'how strange the change from major to minor' in reference to the 'IV–minor' chord movement from E♭–E♭ min that is a focal point of the section. It comments on how this subtle harmonic movement very elegantly moves to another key. The minor chord's similarities to the diatonic major chord. The closing phrase is a direct resolution to the tonic key.

A³ String Section Soli

This section is a string section feature, where we hear the cello's play the melody. There are several differences to the other times that the A section is played. Firstly, the section is shorter than the usual eight. This section also uses slightly different chords from other A sections. However, two bars have been dropped from the first four bars of an eight-bar A section, resulting in the six-bar section seen here. Harmonic detail is provided by the harp in this section. The rhythm section continues in the same way as in previous vocal sections.

A summary of the section is included in the table below.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 35–36	<p>The start of section A³ overlaps with the end of section A² as at the end of the first line of the lyrics 'goodbye'. A perfect cadence is formed by the move from chord V⁷ at the end of section A² and chord I at the start of section A³.</p> <p>The opening of the vocal melody from section A¹ is played by the violins, at the bottom of their register.</p>
Bars 37–38	<p>This passage is an example of a I–VI–II–V chord progression, another common progression used in jazz.</p> <p>It is often used as a turnaround, and as a progression that travels through different keys, but the chords used are all strongly related to the tonic key.</p> <p>The violins play an adaption of the main melody. The melody of this section has been slightly compressed to fit the altered six-bar structure.</p>
Bars 39–40	<p>In these two bars a familiar progression is used, but due to the shortened section, it appears on different bars (usually used in the 4th and 6th bar of the A sections).</p> <p>Both the melody and chords are what you would expect to find in other A sections.</p>
Bars 41–42	<p>These two bars are, again, a slight adaption of the usual melody and chords you would find in the other A sections played by the violins.</p>

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B³ Wind Section Soli

(bars 43–50, 2'07''–2'29'')

In this section the flute and oboe take over the melody from the cellos. The first part of the section is played by the flute, and in bar 46 the oboe joins with a countermelody. The flute and oboe play together from bars 47–51. In the final bar, the strings play a rising harmonised phrase over the melody. They finish on a simple D major chord which, when played over an F⁷ chord, creates a tritone. The section ends on the 13th and flattened 9th respectively.

Activity 4

The excerpt above shows the main melody of the instrumental section at B³. Identify the melodic line and label them on the music above.

A⁴ Accompaniment/Harmony

(bars 51–58, 2'30''–2'53'')

The accompaniment and harmony for this section are identical to the harmonies and accompaniment in the A² section. Please refer back to the previous analyses.

A⁴ Vocal Melody

As mentioned in the analysis of accompaniment/harmony, this section is essential to the song, and, as such, Fitzgerald sings the same melody and lyrics as she did in that section. However, there are slight differences in note placements. In bar 57 for example she picks up the melody of three quavers to compensate for the lyrics 'begin to', as opposed to the one syllable 'begin' used in the previous uses of this phrase.

B⁴ and Outro Accompaniment/Harmony

B⁴ (bars 59–66, 2'54''–3'13'') and Outro (bars 67–68, 3'14''–3'32'') Accompaniment

As with the A⁴ section, this section is, for the most part, a repetition of the corresponding section through the form (B²). For the most part, the harmony is exactly the same as B². However, at the end of this section, the end of this section prepares the listener for the outro.

The link between the two is interesting since the end of this section is slightly altered to lead into the outro. There is a *rallentando* for the last four bars, which leads into the slow outro.

In the last bar (bar 65) there is the only harmonic change of the section, which is the second bar of a standard B^b chord. This change of chord is used since the last two bars of the section with the two-bar outro to create the same four-bar sequence that was used in the first four bars of A sections, albeit in a slightly different **harmonic rhythm**.

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The strings play the long, sustained chord. The chord being played is a B \flat major chord through the C minor chords; this creates moments of tension. The B \flat triad (B \flat , D \flat , F \flat) minor (outlined by the C in the bass and the Cm⁷ chord played by the harp), becomes the 11th respectively. This sense of tranquillity from the strings playing the simple triad extensions, is a very effective use of harmony as it gives the sense of travelling through time and sounds but with very little movement.

Even though the strings simply hold a single chord for four bars, when used in context in sequence, these two simple elements combine to give a rich and sophisticated harmonic texture. A quaver phrase is played by the flute and oboe to round off the melody.

B⁴ and Outro Vocal Melody

In this final section of the piece, Fitzgerald again sings the melody in a largely similar pattern to the corresponding B section of the first time round, the form B². The lyrics are also similar.

There is a slight change of rhythm in bars 60 and 61, and in the last four bars there are a few ornamentations and inflections on the final few long notes. The phrasing and dynamics are notated in the example below. There is no singing over the outro.

The main feature of the vocals in this section is the way in which Fitzgerald leads the listener through the last few bars. She first starts to really pull back on the quavers in bar 62, and then in the next two bars. Despite the *rallentando*, at points she keeps a sense of forward motion to dictate where the orchestra should play in this loose slowing section. She finishes the section by adding a tasteful vibrato as a slight decoration while the orchestra play the closing phrase.

Activity 5

The interplay between Fitzgerald's vocal delivery, Porter's lyrics and music, and Brecht's lyrics throughout the song might be viewed as modern examples of 'word painting'.

Whatever mood the words might suggest, or whatever effect a single word needs to have in the music. This is the basic idea of 'word painting' used in madrigals throughout the 16th and 17th centuries.

Examples of word painting can be seen in Claudio Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo* (1607), where the higher or lower pitches to set a text is often dependent on the meaning of the words. For example, 'death' and 'farewell' are set to lower pitches, while words such as 'stars', 'sky' and 'heaven' are set to higher pitches. Similarly, the word 'ohime' (meaning 'alas') is often set to a falling third interval to reflect the meaning.

Can you identify sections of this song where the meaning of the lyrics is reflected by the musical performance?

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Rallentando

is an Italian term for when music slows down.

Harmonic rhythm

is a term used to describe the rate at which the harmony/chords change.

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¹ Claudio Monteverdi (n.p.: n.d, W W Norton Introduction to Music History Course: http://www.wwnorton.com/college/music/listeninglab/demo/just_listen/compose)

'Let's Do It'

Basic Information and Structure

Key: F major (original key B♭ major)

Time signature: $\frac{4}{4}$

Structure/form: 'Let's Do It' follows the most pervasive structure used in show tunes, which is comprised of two eight-bar sections, an A and a B section, which are arranged in the 32-bar form.

A	8 bars
A	8 bars
B	8 bars
A	8 bars

The piece starts with a four-bar instrumental introduction and Fitzgerald then sings the A section, which is then repeated. The ending is simply the rhythm section playing a closing figure for 8 bars and resolves on beat 3 of the last bar of the form, on a held chord, which is sustained.

The overall structure is displayed in the table below.

Intro	4 bars (1–4)	Instrumental
A ¹	8 bars (5–12)	Vocal
A ²	8 bars (13–20)	Vocal
B ¹	8 bars (21–28)	Vocal
A ³	9 bars (29–37)	Vocal
A ⁴	8 bars (38–45)	Vocal
A ⁵	8 bars (46–53)	Vocal
B ²	8 bars (54–61)	Vocal
A ⁶	8 bars (62–69)	Vocal

Instrumentation:

In this song there is a much simpler, more common line-up of instruments for a jazz ensemble. The instruments used are specified in the table below:

Vocals
Guitar
Piano
Bass
Drums

This line-up is classic for a small ensemble accompanying a featured vocalist. The guitar and piano play throughout the time, while the piano and guitar switch roles throughout, providing the main harmonic accompaniment and answering phrases that embellish the vocals.

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Intro

(bars 1–4, 0'01''–0'11'')

The piece starts with the rhythm section playing a I–VI–II–V turnaround in the tonic. The guitar plays a basic one-bar melodic idea that is played in thirds. This is transposed to fit the intro, and slightly altered at the end to lead into the beginning of the main melody. The piano plays chords and little answering phrases in the background, while the bass plays a bass line with a slightly embellished two-feel. The drums just **play time**.

Playing time

is a phrase used to describe rhythm-section playing, particularly from the drums, to indicate the beat and rhythm.

The guitar melody and bassline, along with the chord sequence, are notated below.

1 **Intro**

Fmaj7 D7(b9) Gm7

The guitar melody outlines some more adventurous chord extensions in the 2nd and 3rd bars. The Eb played on the D7 is the flattened 9th, which gives a more bluesy, dissonant feel.

The C7 chord uses the flattened 9th and natural 13th extensions, over which the guitar plays a **diminished scale** (see below). This creates another musical tension, before resolving into the first bar of the A section.

The diminished scale in C, starting with a semitone

Diminished scale

is a scale made up of intervals that alternate between a tone and a semitone. There are two types of diminished scale which differ depending on whether they start with a semitone or a tone.

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A¹/A² Harmony

Throughout this first half of the form, and indeed the rest of the piece, the rhythmic style. The bass is usually playing in the two-feel established in the intro. The drums play continuously throughout.

The bass and drums act as the main rhythmic anchor of the piece and provide the instruments to interplay with them. The piano and guitar both play a role in contributing harmony to the piece.

The harmonic features of the first two A sections are outlined in the table below, which can be found with the vocal excerpt.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 5–6	The A ¹ Section begins with another I–VI–II–V in F, as was heard in the intro, but while each chord lasted a whole bar in the intro, here the chord only lasts for two beats.
Bars 7–8	Bar 7 starts on an F major chord, which completes the I–VI–II–V progression of bars 5 and 6, since it is a resolution to the I chord. On beat 3 of bar 7 it goes up a 4 th to a B \flat major, which is sustained until beat 3 of bar 8, when the chord changes to a B \flat minor, an example of the IV minor progression, substituting the B \flat for the IV rather than the tonic key, F.
Bars 9–10	Bars 7 to 8 form another I–VI–II–V, but there is a slight alteration since the F chord at the beginning of bar 7 (the I) is changed to an A (the 3 rd of the chord) as the bass plays an A (the 3 rd of the chord).
Bars 11–12	There is another I–VI–II–V in bars 9 and 10, but with another alteration. The D ⁷ chord is again inverted with an F \sharp in the bass, changed to D ^{7(b9)} /F \sharp . Despite this fairly minor change in the chord, it gives the effect of F \sharp ^{o7} chord (F \sharp , A, C, E \flat) that adds diversity and a moment of dissonance to the harmony. The guitar plays a quaver phrase of repeating 3 ^{rds} that change to fit the chords to round off the section. It is a development of the melody that the guitar played in the intro, which is now cleverly used as a backing for the melody.
Bars 13–16	This is the start of the A ² section. The same chords as the first bars of A ¹ are used.
Bars 17–18	Instead of the I–VI–II–V used in the corresponding bars of A ¹ , the F major chord (the I) is changed to an A minor chord to create a III–VI–II–V progression instead.
Bars 19–20	After resolving the III–VI–II–V of the previous two bars with the F major chord (F major), on beat 3 of bar 19 the harmony goes to the D minor (major) before returning to the I at bar 20. Beat 3 of bar 20 prepares for the B section, with an A ⁷ chord which is the V of the D minor chord with which the B section begins.

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A transcription of the way she phrases the A¹ section is shown below.

As shown in the example above, Fitzgerald alters the rhythm of the melody quite a bit. He changes the rhythm of the melody where the lyric ends with 'do it'. You will hear Fitzgerald do this with those phrases which end with the words 'do it' throughout the whole of these two songs. The repeated material fresh and exciting.

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B¹/A³ Section Harmony

As mentioned earlier, the rhythm section continues playing time and comping through the piece. However, in these two sections there are **breaks** in the accompaniment at which the voice unaccompanied to lead in to the next sections. A more detailed look at the table below.

Break

is where the rhythm section will stop playing, leaving either silence or an open space for the voice singing unaccompanied.

Bridge

is a term for the B sections of a tune which uses the form AABA. This is also called a bridge, as it is exactly in the middle of the piece.

Activity 6

Research more examples of **breaks** as they were used during the bebop period. Your most famous from this era, Dizzy Gillespie's 'A Night in Tunisia', which has a break at the end of the first improvisations begin. Recordings include Charlie Parker's from 1946; Art Blakey's from 1948; and Dexter Gordon's 1963 recording from *Our Man in Paris*.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 21–22	<p>The music modulates into the relative minor (D minor) in this bar. This modulation is underpinned by a Dm⁶ chord in bar 21 followed by a G minor chord a 4th above in bar 22.</p> <p>This is a common technique used in show tunes, as the bridge is used to move the music into a different key to provide some contrast between sections. Because it is harmonically related, it sounds different to the listener, and is less jarring than a modulation to an unrelated key would be.</p> <p>It is voiced as a Dm⁶. In bar 22 it moves up a 4th to a G minor chord.</p>
Bar 23	In this bar, it returns to the tonic key of F major for a bar.
Bars 24–25	Over these two bars there is a II–V–I into the IV chord (B ^b). The first bar, with each chord lasting half a bar, followed by a whole bar.
Bars 26–27	Following on from the II–V–I in bars 24 and 25, bar 26 stays on the IV chord, which is changed to a B ^b minor. This has two functions: it is both a IV chord of another II–V–I (into A ^b).
Bars 28–29	<p>After landing on the A^b major chord with flattened 7th on beat 1, there is a rhythm-section break.</p> <p>The break continues from the last bar into the 1st beat of bar 28. On beat 2, the rhythm section rejoins playing a C⁷ chord, which is the tonic major chord it returns to at A³.</p>
Bars 30–31	These two bars are the same I–VI–II–V as used in the first two sections.

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Bars 32–33	Instead of the usual I–IV that has been used in previous A sections, a whole bar on the I chord (F major).
Bars 34–35	At the start of bar 33 there is a change of chord from the F major before to F minor. This is the start of another II–V progression in the second half of the bar.
Bars 36–37	A basic I–VI–II–V is used over these two bars, as opposed to the versions used in the first two A sections (I/III–VI–II–V and III–VI–II–V). Bar 35 is a whole bar of the I chord (F major) that completes the previous two bars. Beat 1 of bar 36 lands on a Gm ⁷ chord and there is another Gm ⁷ chord for the remainder of the bar.

Activity 7

If there were not a rhythm-section break in bar 36, what chord would most likely be in the second half of the bar?

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B¹/A³ Vocal Melody

The vocal melody in B¹ outlines the modulation to a minor key that has happened in the previous section.

Fitzgerald persists with the very laid-back feel she was singing throughout the first section. She uses various glissandos and vocal inflections to further decorate the melody. An example of an ornamentation she adds to the melody in bar 26 on the word ‘do’ (as seen in the previous section) is singing just one note for the word, as she usually sings, she uses a quick **enclosure** (from B¹ to C); this is a glimpse of Fitzgerald’s skills as a soloist and improviser that she uses throughout the melody.

21 Dm⁶ Gm⁷ Fmaj⁷

O - ld Am-ster - dam do it, Not to men-tion the

25 Bbmaj⁷ Bbm⁷ Eb⁷ Ab⁶ Break

Folks in Si - am do it Think of Si-am-ese

Enclosure

is a technique developed and often used in bebop, where the note that the line is moving to is flanked by a note above and below. For example, a D then a B would be played as B–D–B.

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Fitzgerald keeps excellent time during the break and phrases it in a much more direct pulse going in the absence of any rhythm-section instruments. As soon as the bar 28, she immediately returns to a very laid-back feel as the rhythm section are now a great example of how she is very deliberate with her phrasing and how she underpins instrumental breaks, keeping a strict pulse is essential to make it clear where the melody is. In this section Fitzgerald continues to be more creative and playful with the melody. For example, she delays and displaces the words and notes considerably, creating a contrast right across the bar line and resolves in a peculiar place in the bar.

Once again, it is hard to notate the phrasing she uses exactly, but a rhythmic approach from bars 29 to 32 can be found in the excerpt below.

Fitzgerald also adds slight **glissandos** to the word 'let's' in bars 33 and 34 and a long 'fall' to 'in', also in bar 34.

During the break at bar 36 she maintains a strong sense of pulse, but it is a little more used in the break at the end of B¹.

Glissando

is when a performer slides slowly between a pair of notes by playing or singing

A⁴/A⁵ Harmony

The harmony of these two A sections is very similar to the harmony used in previous sections. Below, a brief summary of the chords used is shown, along with an analysis of any sections.

For information on the function of previously used/analysed harmonies, please refer to the previous sections.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 38–39	I–VI–II–V
Bars 40–41	I–IV to IV minor
Bars 42–43	I–VI–II–V
Bars 44–45	There have been a few different endings/resolutions to A sections. However, for the first time so far there is a simple I–VI–II–V, without any inversions or extensions, used to end these sections.
Bars 46–53	The chord sequence for A ⁵ is identical to the progression used in A ² . Please refer back for more information.

A⁴/A⁵ Vocal Melody

During these two sections Fitzgerald continues to find new and exciting ways to rephrase the melody. It is an incredible display of musicianship considering this is the fourth and fifth repetition of the melody. One of the most impressive still is the fact that it never sounds forced.

She begins bar 38 with a heavy and fast vibrato, which is a vocal technique she has used before. This is another example of how she uses her technical mastery of the voice to her advantage in the song.

Another example of her innate musicality is how she slows down and adds a partial note to the phrase 'Even lazy jellyfish do it', highlighting the relationship between the lyrics and her melody.

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B²/A⁶ Harmony

As with the A⁴ and A⁵, the harmony is largely the same as used in the corresponding section through the form. Any differences will be highlighted, but for the function of the section please refer back to the earlier analysis.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 54–61	The chord sequence for A ⁵ is identical to the progression used in A ² . Please refer back for more information.
Bars 62–63	I–VI–II–V
Bars 64–65	Bar 64 I. Bar 65 I becomes II of II–V.
Bars 66–67	I–VI–II–V
Bars 68–69	<p>Following on from the I–VI–II–V in bars 65–66 the song resolves to the I chord (F major) at which point the rhythm section plays a closing phrase, which is very bluesy in its sound due to the use of both the flattened and natural 7th degree of the scale. Finally, the harmonies land on a G/F chord on the end of beat 2 in bar 69.</p> <p>The music had already resolved to the tonic key in bar 67, which gives the listener a sense of completeness, but the final chord of G/F leaves us with a much more mysterious and unusual resolution.</p> <p>While still based in the key of F major, the G triad (G–B–D) over root note of F gives the extensions of the 9th, sharpened 11th, and 13th.</p> <p>This suggests a scale of F Lydian (a Lydian is a major scale with a raised 11th), which is the brightest sound of all modes.</p>

B²/A⁶ Vocal Melody

In B² Fitzgerald starts with the same phrasing, for the first two bars, as used in the A² section. However, she uses a larger interval (the perfect 4th between the E and the C on beat 2) than in A². This, coupled with the rhythmically disjointed version of the melody she sings in B², creates a sense of tension. The linear phrase that was just a series of consecutive quavers from the previous section is now a more complex phrase.

Over the break at bar 60, instead of a repeated note, she rocks between the C and the B, which is the minor 3rd of the A⁶ respectively (the B is the enharmonic equivalent of C_b) giving it a sense of tension. Instead of just two notes or a repeated note, Fitzgerald sings a little three-note melody to create a sense of tension.

For the final A section, Fitzgerald still manages to find alterations she can make to the melody. She lengthens the phrase in bar 64, which continues to ascend after the initial semitone.

As the song comes to a close, she really lays back and distorts the last phrase, adding a sense of tension. She keeps with the way the rhythm section draws the piece to an end.

While the band plays the closing phrases, Fitzgerald simply holds the last note until the end of the song. She cuts it off as the last chord from the rhythm section is played and dies away.

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'Anything Goes'

Basic Information and Structure

Key: G major (original key C major)

Time signature: $\frac{4}{4}$

Structure/form: 'Anything Goes' is another song with a 32-bar AABA form; however, it has a verse at the beginning. Overall, with the intro, verse, two times through the form and a final A section, it is 128 bars. As discussed in the context section earlier, this is an unusual feature in a jazz standard, as it displays the overall form divided into individual sections.

Intro	4 bars (1–4)	Instrumental
Verse	16 bars (5–20)	Vocal
A¹	8 bars (21–28)	Vocal
A²	8 bars (29–36)	Vocal
B¹	8 bars (37–44)	Vocal
A³	8 bars (45–52)	Vocal
A⁴	8 bars (53–60)	Instrumental solo
A⁵	8 bars (61–68)	Instrumental solo
B²	8 bars (69–76)	Vocal
A⁶	8 bars (77–84)	Vocal
Outro	6 bars (85–90)	Instrumental

The intro and verse sections begin the piece with a great deal of *rubato*, while the instrumental sections are more strictly timed to the tempo. The song finds a strict pulse at the beginning of the main form, and continues at that tempo for the rest of the piece.

Instrumentation/orchestration:

In this piece there is a wide variety of instruments used. The intro begins with a more intimate orchestration for the intro and verse. At the start of the main form, the instrumentation expands to a big-band line-up, but with additional strings, and some **doubling**. The table on the next page shows the instrumentation of the piece.

Doubling

is a term used when a member of an orchestra has to switch to a different instrument of the same family; for example, saxophones in a big band often have to double on multiple instruments.

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Soloist	Vocal
Strings	Violin
	Viola
	Cello
	Harp
Woodwind	Flute
	Clarinet
	Oboe
	Alto saxophone
	Tenor saxophone
	Baritone saxophone
	Bass clarinet
Brass <i>Often with mates</i>	Trumpets x3
	Trombone x3
Rhythm section	Guitar
	Piano
	Bass
	Drums

Mute

is a device inserted into the bell of a brass instrument to make it so

Intro/Verse Harmony and Accompaniment

While the piece is in G major overall, it starts off in the key of G minor and modulates until resolving to the key of G major at the beginning of the main form (A¹). It starts with a melancholy minor phrase while the harp strums chords, and the oboe plays an accompaniment. The harp joins in bar 5, and Fitzgerald sings the verse, while the final change in instrumental accompaniments from bar 13. The extract below is the violin melody in the first five bars, a summary of the harmony and accompaniment of the introduction included in the

Violin:

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Bar	Key Features
Bars 1–2	<p>The 1st bar starts with a G minor chord from the strings.</p> <p>There is a melody, started by the violins, which is based on the first three notes of the G minor scale.</p> <p>In bar 2 there is a change of chord to E\flat major, and the melody in the violins continues from bar 1 and resolves to the 3rd (G) on beat 3.</p> <p>The bass bows long root notes, while the lower strings hold long chords. The oboe plays an answering phrase on beat 4 of bar 2.</p>
Bars 3–4	<p>In bar 3, there is a return to a G minor chord for another bar, before changing to an E\flat major chord in bar 4.</p> <p>This is the V chord, which is preparing the resolution back to the I chord, which enters in bar 5.</p> <p>The bass and lower strings continue to bow long root notes and chords respectively.</p> <p>The violins play the same melody as in bars 1 and 2 but it is transposed up a 3rd and is based on the 3rd, 4th and 5th degrees of the G minor scale.</p> <p>The oboe plays an answering phrase on beat 4 of bar 4, similar to the one in bar 2 but again altered to fit the new chord.</p>
Bars 5–7	<p>This bar returns to G minor, and is then followed by a bar of E\flat major, before returning to G minor in bar 7 as in the first three bars.</p> <p>All of the strings are now just bowing the chords, as the vocals have taken over the main melodic focus.</p> <p>The oboe plays another countermelody at the end of bar 6.</p>
Bar 8	<p>In bar 8 the chords change in unison with the syllables of the lyrics at a quicker rate.</p> <p>This is a change of chord from G minor, to D⁷ back to G minor, which is a movement of I–V–I.</p>
Bars 9–10	<p>In bar 9 there is a sudden change of key as the music modulates from G minor to A\flat major.</p> <p>This is very noticeable to the listener and instantly changes the mood from the mournful tone set in the first eight bars. The A\flat chord in bar 9 has a more triumphant sound.</p> <p>In bar 10 there is another quick chord change; this time it is another change to E\flat major but the E\flat⁷ has the 3rd in the bass and becomes an E\flat⁷/G, which creates a root movement between the A\flat and G.</p>
Bars 11–12	<p>For these two bars, the song goes to a D⁷ chord, in preparation for the return back to G that occurs in bar 13.</p> <p>However, another inversion is used, and the exact chord is D⁷/A, which is another semitone root movement from the A\flat chord in bar 10.</p>

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Bars 13–15	For these three bars, following from the D ⁷ /A in bar 12, the harmony moves to G major. The trombones enter to add a new texture, and double a vocal counter melody that starts in bar 14. This resolves to a higher inversion in bar 15.
Bar 16	In bar 16 there is yet another example of the chords moving in tandem with the syllables of the lyrics, this time with a movement of IV–I–IV, a Cm ⁷ –G–Cm ⁷ . The instrumentation used is whittled down to just trombones and harp.
Bars 17–18	In bar 17 the chord changes to the V (D ⁷), and in bar 18 there is another I–V–I progression in unison with the vocals; this is another I–V–I (G minor–D ⁷ –G minor). The limited instrumentation of trombones and harp continues.
Bars 19–20	The last two bars prepare a resolution to the tonic key of G major, which the verse form starts at bar 21. This is done with half a bar of the V chord (D ⁷) and going up a semitone to the dominant chord for half a bar to E ^b 7 in bar 19. The last bar of the section, bar 20, is just a D ⁷ that is the V leading to the tonic, which resolves to at the beginning of A ¹ .

Verse Vocal Melody

In the verse section there are no instruments explicitly playing time, or keeping a steady accompaniment, so the vocal melody has to carry the music. The vocal melody has taken the lead from both the conductor and Fitzgerald's vocal melody. Fitzgerald sings the verse. This is emphasised in bar 2 by a glissando on the word 'changed'. Because of the sparse accompaniment, Fitzgerald is selective about the moments where she chooses to sing. Even though there are 16 bars to this section, the melody is made up of two small phrases which get transposed and changed to fit the changes in chord. These two smaller phrases are bars 5–6 and bars 7–8.

Idea 1 Idea 2

5 Gm Eb Gm Gm
Times have chan - ged, and we've of - ten re - won

9 Ab Eb/G Ab D⁷/A
the Pur-i-tans got since a shock when they lan-ded on Pl

Activity 8

Some pitches are missing at bars 9–10 on the score above. Complete the missing notes and provide the lyrics.

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A¹/A² Harmony

As the song reaches the start of the main form, it modulates into the key of G major, which is very much based around the key of G, with all the chords in the sequence having G as the root note, the home key. During the main form, the drums join and play time throughout. The bowed notes throughout the verse and intro, begins to use a walking bass line. The first four beats of the bar, also as a way of laying down the foundations for both rhythm and harmony.

For these two sections, the non-rhythm-section parts that accompany the tune are the trumpets, trombones, flute and clarinet. The violins outline the changes in harmony and the flutes play a countermelody at the end of each eight-bar section. The trumpet plays a countermelody, which appears in bars 25 and 26, and 33 and 34. A precise description of the accompaniment for the section is shown in the table below.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 21–24	<p>The section starts with four bars of G. Within each bar, the qualities and extensions of the chords change to give some momentum to the harmony, but the root note remains the same.</p> <p>For the first bar, it is just a basic G major triad with no extensions.</p> <p>In bar 22 it adds the 6th, in bar 23 a major 7th chord is used, and finally in bar 24 it is changed to a dominant 7th chord.</p> <p>The violin accompaniment is simply a sustained note using the new quality added to the G chord of each bar.</p>
Bars 25–26	<p>After the G⁷ chord in bar 24, it resolves down to the IV of the home key, which gives a cadence of V–I.</p> <p>The IV chord is then changed from a C⁶ chord to a Cm⁶ which is another VI minor progression.</p> <p>On the upbeat of beat 2 in bar 25, the brass enters with a backing figure.</p>
Bars 27–28	<p>In the last two bars of the section, a I–VI–II–V turnaround is used as a way of resolving back to I at the beginning of the next section.</p> <p>The flutes enter on beat 2 of bar 27 and play a backing phrase to end the section.</p>
Bars 29–34	<p>As this is a repetition of the A section, the same chord sequence for the first four bars had already been used in bars 21–26.</p>
Bars 35–36	<p>Instead of using the I–VI–II–V turnaround featured in the corresponding section (where it resolves back to G at the start of the bridge, in this case, the chord remains on G for two bars,</p> <p>There is a vocal break that starts on beat 2 of bar 36 and lasts for the rest of the bar.</p>

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A¹/A² Vocal Melody

In this first section of the main form and vocal melody, Fitzgerald sings the melody after the sombre tone set in the opening. Her phrasing coincides with that of the timing helps maintain the tempo and give it a sense of energy. This is a deliberate nature of the composition, as opposed to the laid-back feel that she has used exte

She is quite consistent in her phrasing during the repetitions, with very slight varia feel. The tune in the first four bars of A¹ (bars 21–24) is heavily based on the 3rd, 5 major key that has been established.

In the second four bars, there is a long 6th of the C⁶ chord in bar 25, and the phras goes', on which the word 'goes' is set to a held note for a bar and a half. This held begins as the 5th of the Cm⁶ chord, becoming the root of the G chord, then the 3rd 7th of the Am⁷ chord.

On beat 4 of bar 28 there is a **pick up** back into the beginning of the next A section

The next A section is, melodically, very similar (bar a couple of discrepancies in the account for changes in lyrics and fitting more words in the same amount of space). However, there is a vocal break in the last bar of A² (bar 36) to lead in to the first melody moves to an F# during the vocal break, which pre-empt the change of key the next section.

A transcription of the vocal melody is given below.

21 G G⁶
Ol - den days a glimpse of stock -

23 Gmaj⁷ G⁷
looked on as some - thing shock - ing, now

25 C⁶ Cm⁶ G Em⁷ Am⁷
a - ny thing goes,

Pickup

is a note or group of notes on the upbeat which leads into the downbeat of a measure. This is called an 'anacrusis'.

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B¹/A³ Harmony

In the B section, the music modulates to B minor, which is a major 3rd away from the previous key. The first four bars alternate between the new I of B minor and its dominant V chord (F⁷).

For the second four bars of the section, there is a descending chord sequence that involves root movement and is achieved by inverting the chords. This leads back to the original key. The last bar is a D⁷ chord which, as the V of G major, prepares the resolution back to the original key.

Apart from the rhythm section, the instrumentation is stripped back to just the strings and the glissando played by the woodwind at the very end of the section. A³ is harmonic and the instrumentation and some of the backing figures have been changed.

A precise harmonic analysis of the section is shown in the table below.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 37–40	<p>In these four bars, having modulated into B minor, the song moves to the new I and the V (F⁷).</p> <p>The strings play a backing phrase that moves in unison with the main melody.</p>
Bars 41–42	<p>In these two bars there is a chord change every half bar, with a descending root movement from B minor at the beginning of bar 41 down to G where it resolves in bar 43.</p> <p>It uses different inversions so the chord changes do not merely move in parallel chords, but achieve nice voice leading through a variety of chord inversions. The exact chords used are Bm, B^b augmented, D/A and E/G⁷. The notes of these chords from the bottom up are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B minor – B, D, F⁷ • B^b augmented – B^b, D, F⁷ • D major over A – A, D, F⁷ • E major over G⁷ – G⁷, B, E <p>As seen above, the first three chords have the same top notes, with the middle notes descending by semitones. The final change is intervals of a semitone for the bottom note; the middle note moves down a minor third and the top note descends by a tone.</p>
Bars 43–45	<p>After the descending roots of the previous two bars, the harmony lands on a G major chord, which follows on nicely in terms of voice leading from the E/G⁷ chord.</p> <p>Once a G major chord is played on beat 1 of bar 43, there is a vocal line that leads in to the last A section of the form.</p> <p>In bar 44 the flute and bass clarinet play a glissando in the key of the original key during the break.</p>

Augmented chord

is a major chord with a raised 5th, e.g. C major is C E G and C augmented is C E G⁷. It is as the superimposition of two major triads.

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B¹/A³ Vocal Melody

The melody in the B section is based on a basic one-bar idea. Its most striking feature is its syncopated rhythm that starts in bar 37. The rhythm uses alternating crotchets and quavers (the quaver at the end of the bar is written as two tied quavers in the example below), which means the melody is in the middle of the bar, which gives it its syncopated feel.

Throughout the first four bars, the only change to the melody is the first crotchet, which moves through different notes of the chord before dropping back down to the F# for the next bar. In bar 41 there are some slight alterations to the melody for some variety and to contrast with the B section, but it is still heavily related to the original rhythmic motif.

There is another vocal break over the last two bars.

A transcription and chords for the melody are included below.

Mad to-day, and good's bad to-day, and black's white to-day
night to-day, when most guys to-day that
prize to-day, are just si-lly Gi-go-lo.

In the final A section of the form, Fitzgerald once again uses a consistent and predictable phrasing of the previous two A sections. She uses a similar vocal inflection on the word 'prose' in A² and it is one of the few inflections beyond vibrato that she uses.

The focus on the vocal melody throughout this first form is simply maintaining a fun swing feel, and Fitzgerald manages to create a great sense of momentum, without losing sight of retaining a relaxed atmosphere.

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A⁴/A⁵ Instrumental Soli

The first half of the new form is an instrumental soli section, which features all the ensemble playing the tune at different points.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 54 – 57	<p>The saxophone section plays the first four bars. The melody is based on the 5th and 3rd of the G major chord for the first two bars and focuses on the 3rd, 2nd and root of the chord.</p> <p>The melody is entirely quavers but with some notes tied together in the middle of the bar, and across the bar line, to create some syncopation.</p>
Bars 58 – 59	<p>In bar 58 the trombones play an ascending phrase as a response to the saxophone phrase from the saxophones. When music uses a call-and-response texture like the one between the saxophones and trombones at bars 54–57, it is described as antiphonal.</p> <p>This is answered by the trumpets in bar 59, and moves between the major and minor 3rd of the C chord.</p>
Bars 60 – 61	In bars 60 and 61 the strings finish the eight-bar section which lands on the A minor chord in bar 61, which lends a very bright and luscious sound.
Bars 62 – 65	<p>At the beginning of A⁵, the trumpets take the melody again for the first four bars. It is again based on the 6th, 5th and 3rd of the G chord, but is more different from the sax melody in the corresponding bars of the previous section. The melody is highly syncopated and strong accents from the snare drum emphasise the syncopation.</p> <p>The trumpets use very heavy trills, often known as ‘shakes’, on the notes, which gives them a particularly brash and imposing sound.</p>
Bars 66 – 67	<p>In bars 66 and 67 the saxes take over the melody. It is based on a descending then ascending arpeggio of the respective chords.</p> <p>They play a turn on the first crochet of each bar, using a B₄ on the major chord and a B₄ on the minor chord.</p>
Bars 68–70	There is a final trumpet interjection at bar 68, before a brief instrumental solo (2’25’’–2’27’’), which leads back into the bridge.

Antiphonal

is a texture where there is call and response between different groups of instruments.

Syncopated rhythm

is a simple and steady pulse disrupted by anticipated or delayed notes.

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53 G G⁶ G^{maj7}

57 C⁶ C^{m6} G Em

Activity 9

In bar 59 there is a violin phrase which starts on a D \sharp on beat 3 and carries on to the end of the bar but only the melody line has been given here:

59 G Em Am⁷

Looking at the chord sequence, write a suggestion of a four-part harmony (including bass) that could be used.

59 G Em Am⁷

Activity 10

Using the analysis as a guide, see whether you can transcribe the main melody and instrumental soli.

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B² Harmony and Vocal Melody

When Fitzgerald starts to sing the melody at B², it is identical to B¹ in the vocal melody. Refer back to that section for more information.

A⁶ Outro Harmony and Vocal Melody

The A⁶ section is also more or less identical to the corresponding section of the first movement. There are, however, differences at the end of the section to lead into the outro.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 84 – 85	The first change made is in bar 84: instead of remaining on the G, the melody goes up to a B, and there is a brass phrase during the long note that leads into the break.
Bars 86 – 87	During the break, Fitzgerald sings a final phrase at bar 87, which ends on the B, and a G and leads into the outro. Apart from the end of the final phrase of A ⁶ , which finishes on beat 4 of the first bar of the outro, the outro is entirely instrumental. The trumpets play the main melody, with the trombones playing chords on beats 2 and 4, while there are long, sustained chords in the strings. The main melody of the first four bars of the outro is based entirely on the G major scale. The chords move up and down from G, Am, and Gmaj ⁷ /B. This creates a wave-like movement that ascends and descends from G to B twice.
Bar 90	There is a II–V where the II chord is a Am ⁹ for three beats with a sustained note on beat 4. The trumpets play a B, which is the 9 th of the A minor chord, and use a trill on the minim on beats 2 and 3 before resolving to an A, the 5 th of the A minor chord.
Bar 91	They finally land on G in bar 90, and then the trombones play a chord that falls quickly before the violins end the piece with a bright sounding G major chord on which there is a pause.

The main melodies of the outro are shown in the excerpt below.

85 G Am Gmaj⁷/B Am G

goes.

88 Gmaj⁷/B Am Am⁹ D⁷ G

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'Too Darn Hot'

Basic Information and Structure

Key: C minor (original key F minor)

Time signature: 4_4

Structure/form: The form for 'Too Darn Hot' is a bit more unusual compared with the album, and indeed most other show tunes. As discussed previously, these songs typically consist of two 'A' and a 'B', both of which are eight bars long and arranged (usually in AABA, or AABA'). 'Too Darn Hot', however, has an overall form of 64-bars; it is still comprised of an A and a B, but these sections are much longer than the usual eight bars.

A table displaying the structure of the form is shown below:

A	20 bars
A	20 bars
B	24 bars

As with all of the recordings discussed, the form is repeated with a short intro and creates an overall form that lasts 152 bars.

The melody is sung for the entire first time through the form. The repetition of A² is instrumental sections. After this instrumental section, the vocals re-enter and sing the second time through the piece, which features a dramatic instrumental ending played by the whole band.

A detailed analysis of the overall structure of the piece is shown in the table below:

Intro	4 bars (1–4)	Instrumental
A ¹	20 bars (5–24)	Vocal
A ²	20 bars (25–44)	Vocal
B ¹	24 bars (45–68)	Vocal
A ³	20 bars (69–88)	Instrumental solo
A ⁴	4 bars (89–92)	Trumpet solo
	16 bars (93–108)	Vocal
B ²	24 bars (109–132)	Vocal
Outro	8 bars (133–140)	Vocal/Trumpet solo
	8 bars (141–148)	Vocal
	4 bars (149–152)	Instrumental

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Instrumentation/orchestration: A standard big-band line-up is used for this song, saxophones and rhythm section.

The exact instrumentation is shown below.

Soloist	Vocal
Woodwind	Alto saxophone
	Tenor saxophone
	Baritone saxophone
Brass	Trumpet x3
	Trombone x3
Rhythm section	Guitar
	Piano
	Bass
	Drums

Intro

(0'01"–0'05")

The intro starts in the strict pulse of the whole piece, and sets up the tone with a repeated and answered by a trombone **stab** with a fall.

The opening melody is based on the root, 2nd, 3rd and 6th of the C minor chord. The melody is based on the tonic chord of C minor, with a brief change to the V (G⁷) in the last two beats resolution to C minor at the start of the main form.

There is a vocal pickup into the melody of A¹ on beat 4 of bar 4.

A notation of the intro is shown below:

Saxophone **Saxophone** **Voice**

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, C minor key. It shows a melody for Saxophone and a vocal pickup. The melody starts with a C minor 6th chord (Cm⁶) and ends with a G⁷ chord. A **Stab** is indicated below the notation, referring to a single staccato note which is played in a bold and p...

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A¹/A² Harmony/Accompaniment

The A sections carry on in a very similar style to the mood introduced in the intro. to play a medium-up tempo accompaniment, generating a lively, swinging backing occasionally accents and links up with phrases from the brass and the saxophones.

As with the intro, the section mainly features backing figures from the saxophone some more stabs. These backing sections stay the same both times through the A

A detailed description of the main features of the section's accompaniment is shown

Bar	Key Features
Bars 5–8	<p>In the first four bars of the section, the chords alternate between C⁶ and G⁷ every half bar. The C chord remains as a Cm⁶ every time but the G chord alternates between a Gm⁶ and G⁷ respectively.</p> <p>The saxes play a short answering phrase consisting of two quavers, the first quaver tied to a crotchet with a short fall. The phrase goes up a minor 3rd from the first quaver to the longer tied note the first time, but up a 5th on the second time. These backings appear on beat 2 in bars 6 and 8.</p>
Bars 9–10	<p>The chord stays as a Cm⁶ for these two bars.</p> <p>The saxophone section plays the same phrase but this time moved to the start of bar 9, so the tied note crosses over the bar line.</p>
Bars 11–12	<p>In these two bars there is a II–V with each lasting a bar. In bar 12 the chord changes from a G^{7(b9)} to a G⁷.</p> <p>The saxophone section plays a longer quaver phrase which starts on the first quaver of beat 1 in bar 11 and continues into bar 12, with a tied note over the bar line, to add rhythmic diversity and syncopation to the phrase. The saxophone starts off by going back and forth between semitones before ascending to the highest note then finishing by descending, and then going up for the final note of the phrase.</p> <p>The flat 9th chord in the first half of bar 12 is reflected by the A^b in the saxophone phrase.</p>
Bars 13–16	<p>The accompaniment and chords are the same as in bars 9–12.</p>
Bars 17–18	<p>Bar 17 starts on another Cm⁶ chord, but changes to a C⁷ chord in the second half of the bar. In bar 18 there is a II–V, which again uses a flat 9th on the G chord.</p> <p>The saxes play minims which move through different chord tones in the phrase. The notes used are C–B^b–A–A^b, which are the root, flat 7th, 5th, and 4th of their respective chords.</p> <p>The brass plays another stab with a fall on the upbeat of beat 3 in bar 18.</p>
Bars 19–20	<p>A similar progression is used but it starts on a standard C major chord in bar 19, changing to a C⁹ in bar 19.</p> <p>Bar 20 starts on a D minor chord again but instead of a G⁷ the chord is a D half-diminished chord.</p> <p>The sax phrase is a repetition of the phrase played in bars 17 and 18. The notes used still work well with the different chords (the A^b in the saxophone phrase in bar 20 becomes the flattened 5th of the D half-diminished chord).</p>

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Bars 21–22	Another similar but slightly different progression to the last four bars again. Bar 21 is the same as bar 19 (C–C ⁹) and bar 22 is another II–V, except that it is a basic G ⁷ chord, without a flat 9 th .
Bars 23–24	The chords alternate from I–V, with each chord lasting half a bar. This occurs on both occasions, but the V is a G ^{7(b9)} in the first instance, and after the second a standard G ⁷ chord. The saxes play a phrase which leads into a full band hit on beat 2 of bar 23. This has a big trill in the trumpets. The trill used in the trumpets becomes a feature of the piece, adding points of excitement to the already exciting the song.
Bars 25–44	The chords and accompaniment for A ² are the same as in A ¹ .

Half diminished

A chord with a minor third, diminished fifth and minor seventh above the root.

A¹/A² Vocal Melody

The vocal melody at A is started by a pickup in the last beat of the intro. The melody is fundamentally comprised of two, or arguably three melodic ideas.

The first is introduced in bar 5 and repeated over the course of the first four bars.

The second melodic idea is introduced from a pickup on the last beat of bar 8 which is then repeated at bar 12.

The melody from bar 17 to the end of the section is a development of the melody with notes added, it repeats and it is transposed to start on higher chord tones each time. The root in bar 17, the 3rd in bar 19 and the 5th in bar 21.

It finishes with a slightly varied melody to the words 'too darn hot'.

A transcription of the first eight bars of vocal melody, along with the chord sequence.

5 Cm⁶ Gm⁶ Cm⁶ G⁷ Cm⁶ Gm⁶ Cm⁶ G⁷ Cm⁶

too darn hot. It's too darn hot. I'd like

10 Cm⁶ Dm⁷ G^{7(b9)} G⁷ Cm⁶ Cm⁶

with my ba-by to-night, re - fill the cup, with r

Activity 11

Look at the first 12 bars (5–17) of A¹, and write on which beats the backing phrase

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During A² the melody is largely sung in the same way as it was in A¹: there are a few different lyrics used. In bar 26, instead of a G as a pickup note on beat 4, Fitzgerald also an extra quaver added at bar 41 to compensate for extra syllables in the lyrics. The melody for the A² section is shown below. The melody has been transposed up an octave.

B¹ Harmony/Accompaniment

The music modulates into C major at the beginning of this section. The accompaniment features long held notes in the saxophones, and the occasional stab from the brass.

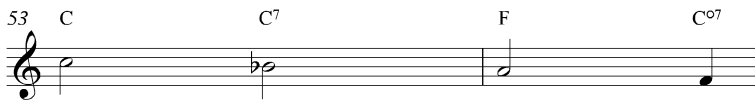
The section changes dramatically for the last eight bars, which is, in many ways, a new section due to the similar chords and vocal melody. The accompaniment here is more rhythmically and dynamically, and starts to build in intensity for the big instrument.

A detailed description of the section's harmony and accompaniment is shown in the table below.

Bar	Key Features
Bars 45–47	Having spent the majority of the A section in C minor and its relative, the B section modulates into C major, giving it a much brighter feel. The accompaniment features a C ⁶ chord for the whole of these three bars. The saxes hold a long C ⁶ chord for all of the three bars as well.
Bar 48	This bar starts with two beats of C ⁶ , but beats 3 and 4 are a Dm ⁷ and a C ⁶ respectively, which is a II–V. On the upbeat of 1 there is a stab with a fall from the brass and saxophones.
Bars 49–51	The chords and accompaniment here are the same as in bars 45–47.
Bar 52	This bar, as opposed to another II–V, is simply a whole bar of the E ⁷ chord. There is another stab, the same as in bar 48, from the saxes and brass.

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Bars 53–54	<p>In bar 55 the harmony resolves back to a C^6, and over the next two bars there is a progression of I–I–IV–I. The quality of the I chord is changed each time it appears. The exact progression is C^6–C^7–F–C^0.</p> <p>The change of chords is reflected in a saxophone backing (below) through the chord tones of C, Bb, A, F, Gb which are the root, dominant and 4th and flat 5th of their respective chords. This is a nice piece leading as it leads to the G over the C chord at the beginning of the next section.</p> 
Bars 55–56	<p>The harmonic rhythm gets faster. There is a I–VI–II–V over these four bars with each chord lasting half a bar.</p> <p>There is a brass stab with a fall at bar 56 on beat 2.</p>
Bars 57–58	<p>In bar 57 after the I–VI–II–V there is a resolution to I (a simple C chord) which moves to the IV (another simple F chord) for the second half of the bar. In bar 58 the IV moves up to an A^b7 chord which descends to a G^7 chord as the V chord to resolve back to I in the following bar.</p> <p>On both bars, there is a trombone stab with a fall on beat 2.</p>
Bars 59–60	<p>In bar 59 the harmony resolves to a C major chord, and on beat 2 the band hit, which is followed by a vocal break until the end of the section.</p>
Bars 61–64	<p>When the band joins back in after the break, it returns to a Cm^6 chord for the first two bars.</p> <p>In bar 61 there is a saxophone backing which starts off with a chromatic line followed by four quavers which descend from the 5th, which is repeated in bar 62. In bar 63 the line moves down through the 4th, then minor 3rd, and then landing on the 2nd in bar 64.</p> <p>It is answered by a minim with a heavy trill or ‘shake’ that starts on the 2nd in bar 62.</p> <p>These two parts are repeated over bars 63 and 64.</p>
Bars 65–66	<p>Over these two bars, there is one bar of A^b7 and one bar of G^7. The A^b7 dominant chord, which is used to approach the V chord from the IV, above, is a moment of tension since it is less diatonic to the tonic than the majority of the other chords. This stands out as a key moment in the harmony.</p> <p>The whole band play a loud and powerful backing which enters on the 1st of 2 and 3 and lands on the 4th beat on both bars, which highlights the semitone descent in the harmonic movement.</p>
Bars 67–68	<p>After a bar of V the harmony resolves to Cm^6 for the final two bars of the section and overall form.</p> <p>In bar 67 there is a backing phrase based on the root, 2nd and minor 3rd of the C chord, which is followed by a pickup, also based on the root, 2nd and minor 3rd of the C chord, which is followed by the instrumental soli that begins the following bar, which signals the end of the section.</p>

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B¹ Vocal Melody

The vocal melody at B is, once again, a long section; yet it is comprised of just a few

The first is a four-bar melody introduced at bar 45 and is repeated at bar 49 after the 6th, 5th and 3rd of the C⁶ chord. It then moves to a different melodic idea at bar 53, which is a sudden rapid chord changes after eight bars spent almost exclusively on C⁶.

After a pickup at bar 56, there is another melody introduced, which appears briefly over the chords from C, A^b7 and G⁷. There is an almost two-bar vocal break that starts on bar 58 and uses a series of dotted crochets to create a heavily syncopated rhythm over the bar.

The break leads to the final eight bars, the first four of which are identical to the first four sections. The last four bars are heavily based on that previous melody but adapted to a new sequence.

A transcription of the vocals of the section, transposed up an octave to make it easier to hear. Notice how, even at its original pitch, the melody extends Fitzgerald to the upper register. In particular, her voice breaks slightly on the high Cs at bar 55 on 'weather'.

45 C⁶
'Cord-ing to the Kin - sey re-port, Ev - ry av - er - age man you

49 C⁶
fers his lov - ey dov - ey to court, when the temp - er - a - ture

53 C C⁷ F C⁷ C A⁷
when the ther - mo - me - ter goes way up, And the wea - ther is siz - zle

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A³ Instrumental Soli

(bars 69–88, 1'40''–2'03'')

This section features the band for 16 bars, with the first four bars of the section having the saxophones featured, as they play fragments of the tune and backing figures alternately.

The trumpets start with a powerful entrance in the last bar of the B sections and continue in bar 71, playing a melody based on the root, 2nd and minor 3rd of the C minor chord.

The saxophones play a backing figure of three quavers on the upbeat of beat 3 in bar 71.

In bar 71, the trombones play an answering phrase over the II–V; the trumpets then play a trill to punctuate the melody at the end of bar 72.

During bars 73 and 74 the trumpets then repeat the phrase they played at bars 69 and 70.

At bar 75 the whole band, rhythm section included, plays a syncopated phrase over the C minor chord. This whole band playing this one phrase makes this point a dramatic climax of the section.

The trombones, playing a slightly embellished version of the melody for the last time, end with a more relaxed ending following the song's peak in intensity during the previous two bars.

68 Cm⁶ Trumpet Cm⁶ Trombone

72 G⁷(b⁹) tr Cm⁶ Dm⁷ Tutti

77 Cm⁶ C⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷(b⁹) C C⁹ Dm Dm⁷
Trombone

82 Dm⁷ G⁷ Cm⁶ G⁷(b⁹) Cm⁶

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(bars 89–108, 2'04''–2'33'')

A transcription of the solo is shown below.

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Write your own four-bar solo at bar 85. Look at the trumpet solo and work out what you can learn from it. You may want to use similar ideas/concepts.

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B² Vocal Melody

(bars 109–132, 2'34''–3'14'')

In the second time round of the B section, the melody, harmony and accompaniment are repeated. There are a few changes made, however.

There are four bars added to the section, which lengthens the melodic idea at 117 and melody of bars 117–118, with a slight adaption of the melody at bar 122 to complete the lyrics and to end the phrase.

The only other slight alteration to the melody is at bar 126: Fitzgerald sings a C on 'cause. Below is a transcription of the vocal melody of this section. The pitches are transposed to make them easier to read.

117 C Ab⁷ G⁷ C Ab⁷ G⁷

Gob for his squab, A ma - rine, For his queen, A C

122 Ab⁷ G⁷ C break

cute-y pie — is not. 'cause it's — too, too,

126

It's too darn hot. It's too, too darn

Outro Harmony and Vocal Melody

(bars 133–152, 3'15''–3'47'')

The outro continues from the last B section, using and developing similar melodic ideas. The progression from Ab⁷–G⁷–Cm⁶ is repeated, but with the chords doubled. The melody is also lengthened and starts on the 5th of the Ab⁷ chord, rather than the 7th of the Ab⁷ chord, becoming the 5th of the G⁷ chord, resolving to the root of the C minor chord.

Bars 133–136 are repeated, and Fitzgerald adds a long slide to a lower note at bar 137. The melody then moves to the D at bar 137.

There is a change of chord at bar 140, to a Dm⁷/A. This substitution of the Ab⁷ chord for the Dm⁷/A chord changes the progression to a II–V–I. The use of the A in the bass means the root of the chord that follows, rather than the Ab⁷ chord which had been previously used, which was j

Both chords last for two bars, with long held vocal notes. At bar 140 the whole band plays a punchy backing figure, which builds up the intensity for the ending. The phrase is based on the 5th of the D minor chord to the 3rd of the G⁷ chord.

Fitzgerald adds another vocal slide down to the root for the last two beats of the section. Fitzgerald then holds a long high note for four bars that adds a lot of intensity. The melody then moves to the 3rd of the G⁷ chord, which is taken over by the trombones and transposed up a 3rd in b

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In the final four bars the whole band plays a dramatic and hard-hitting phrase lead by the trumpets; the chords alternate between Cm⁶, Gm⁷, and G⁷, with unusual placement

In the final bar the trombones play a dotted crochets on the upbeat of beat 1, and beat 3, to end the piece in a somewhat cheeky manner, after such an intense clim

140 Dm⁷/A G⁷ Cm⁶

Voice

too tutti darn hot. saxo

145

trombones

148 Cm⁶ Gm⁷ G⁷ Cm⁶ Gm⁷ Cm⁶ Gm⁷ G⁷ Cm⁶

The musical score is for the song 'A Foggy Day' by Ella Fitzgerald. It shows measures 140 to 148. Measure 140 has a vocal line with the lyrics 'too', 'darn', and 'hot.' and a piano accompaniment. Measure 145 shows a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. Measure 148 shows a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The chords are Dm⁷/A, G⁷, Cm⁶, Gm⁷, and G⁷.



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Comparisons

Below are some different recordings of the set tracks. Listen carefully to the differences and similarities, and then answer the questions which follow.

'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye'

1. <https://open.spotify.com/track/2VAZBYkcRiD3JD8aimEEG5> – from *Ella Fitzgerald Song Book*
2. <https://open.spotify.com/track/0rsvPDnCNNFDVBcDL7IKNq> – Ella Fitzgerald
3. <https://open.spotify.com/track/0ykFZmBie1qQOcB8HHXQpo> – Ray Charles
4. <https://open.spotify.com/track/6yuhA5jIK7gEAlVoJ5WK1f> – John Coltrane

Question 1: Listen to the John Coltrane version. Despite a very slow, relaxed beginning, what is happening, and why?

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'Let's Do It'

1. <https://open.spotify.com/track/7EqqqNGfd8xpNKZdA6qf7c> – from *Ella Fitzgerald Song Book*
2. <https://open.spotify.com/track/6Kp5N9GZj3J5dW9RPY7JFZ> – Ella Fitzgerald
3. <https://open.spotify.com/track/2P36dPqKfTcPcOf5WCo1O3> – Louis Armstrong
4. <https://open.spotify.com/track/1EX3oG1AfebhYWG0nWgnDU> – Billie Holiday

Question 2: Listen to the version from *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book* and the version from *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Duke Ellington Song Book* from 1975. They are very different despite being by the same singer. Discuss the differences and write a list of points as to why you prefer it, referring to specific musical elements.

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'Anything Goes'

1. <https://open.spotify.com/track/1lvL8YNWWUvrWbhkyNuyag> – from *Ella Fitzgerald Song Book*
2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8molo3_vcU – Ella Fitzgerald alternate take
3. <https://open.spotify.com/track/5IDFqn052lgplvygrj5axH> – Tony Bennett and Ella Fitzgerald
4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EloyTlfUPPU> – Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga

Question 3: Listen to both recordings by Ella Fitzgerald and both recordings by Tony Bennett. What do you notice between the different performances by each of the two artists.

Ella Fitzgerald

1.
2.
3.

Tony Bennett

1.
2.
3.

'Too Darn Hot'

1. <https://open.spotify.com/track/5CsBKdMyyfvX7bfQ5IMLLb> – from *Ella Fitzgerald Song Book*
2. <https://open.spotify.com/track/3JwkZjFrZlyX1wcVI7vJ16> – Ella Fitzgerald live
3. <https://open.spotify.com/track/4dGLMpa5gP17jsfOa0im4A> – Original Kiss Me Honey
4. <https://open.spotify.com/track/6xP44Jpj1gznGWfFNgonuL> – Mel Tormé

Question 4: Does the Mel Tormé version feature any additional key changes / modulations?

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Question 5: Listen to the Ella Fitzgerald *Song Book* version and the original *Kiss Me Honey* version. Do the two versions use the same form as the original show version?

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Revision Tips

Listen, listen, listen!

- Make sure you listen to the set works as much as possible. The exam requires you to know the songs, and, as there is no score, this requires detailed listening and notes.
- Independently, try to find and listen to as many other recordings as you can of the same artists (such as the John Coltrane version of 'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye' mentioned in the set works).

Make your own lead sheet / short score

If you look at the opening section vocal melody transcriptions, you should easily be able to write your own lead sheet or short score. This will help make the analysis clearer and easier to revise, and you can use your own notes to aid revision as well.

Learn as many of the terms from the glossary as possible

The exam requires the use of precise and technical language, which can be found in the glossary. Try to learn yourself with these terms, as making a point backed up by them will gain you extra marks.

When revising, focus on the analysis of the music

Knowledge of history and context is important but you are mainly assessed on your analysis of the music of the set works. Try to focus your revision on technical aspects of the music, such as the harmonic and melodic judgements you may make, and back these up with some additional research into the context of the music, e.g. the 'Great American Songbook' and the diffusion of radio.

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Exam Guidance

It's all in the detail

- Examiners are looking for as much detail as possible when marking a paper. Information is preferable to a lot of vague information.
- Read the question carefully and assess what you need to address in your answer. Be very specific about what you need to clarify in your answer. Identify what the question is asking and plan the content of individual paragraphs in a logical order so that you don't lose marks for correct but irrelevant information!).

Back up your points with specific examples

When making a point, it is vital that you back it up with a clear example so you are sure there is actually evidence of the point you are making in the music. Highlight specific examples from the music.

A good way to structure your paragraphs/points is to

- make the point
- outline the evidence you are using to back up your point
- comment on how/why the evidence relates to and supports the original point

Use your time wisely

Look through the paper to identify which questions award the most marks, and focus on those first, rather than spending time needlessly on questions that award low marks.

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Practice Exam-style Que

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Question 1

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<https://open.spotify.com/track/6yuhA5jlK7gEAIVoJ5WK1f> – John Coltrane

- a) Compare the two performances. You should comment on the melody and instrumentation, and identify two relevant musical features.
- b) Explain how Ella Fitzgerald uses musical elements to make this standard accessible to a wider audience.

Question 2

- a) Discuss the reasons why Ella Fitzgerald may have chosen to record songs by Cole Porter. Support your discussion with musical examples in your answers.
- b) Evaluate the use of instrumental arrangements in *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book*.

Question 3

- a) Evaluate the structure, form and performance of the songs from *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book* in relation to performances of this repertoire by other jazz musicians.
- b) Describe the connection between music and text in **one** of the set works from *Porter Song Book*.

Question 4

- a) Identify what you consider to be the defining characteristics of a Cole Porter song, using four prescribed songs.
- b) Explain the use of harmony, tonality and structure in 'Too Darn Hot'.

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Question 5

Jazz musicians have performed 'jazz standards' taken from shows for decades.

- a) What features of these songs help them work when taken out of context and works from *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book* in your answers.

- b) What is the role of improvisation in *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song* the set works in your answer.

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Answers

Activities

Activity 1

An A on the top line of the stave.

Activity 2

Minor keys give a melancholic sound, and minor chords and keys are often used to create a wistful tone. The use of a minor key here gives a fitting backing to the wistful tone of the lyrics.

Activity 3

1. Flute added
 2. Strings quieter
 3. Less obtrusive countermelody from the strings
- etc.

Activity 4

The excerpt starts with a flute solo in bars 43–45; the oboe enters with the second line of the melody in bars 46–48, and the oboe is the lower line at bars 47–48, and they switch at bar 49. The lower descending line, and upper strings play ascending chords in upper line.

Activity 5

Should raise points such as: 'major to minor' lyric over chord change from major to minor in the words 'fall' to 'in' in bar 34 of 'Let's Do It', or the words 'Even lazy jellyfish do it' over the painting. Even if Porter did not intend any 'word painting' here, Fitzgerald certainly did.

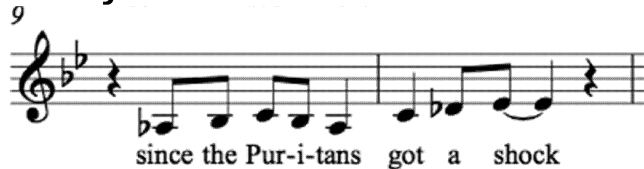
Activity 6

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Activity 7

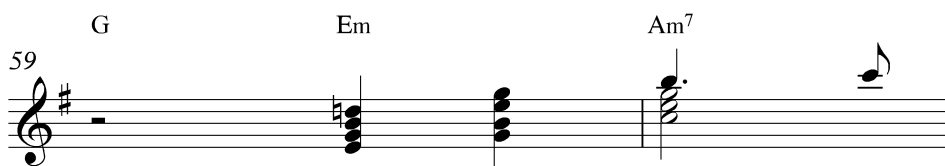
If there were not a break, there would presumably be a C⁷ chord in the second half of the bar, which would resolve back to the I at the beginning of the next section.

Activity 8



Activity 9

Suggested answer:



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Activity 10

Look for repetition, chord tones, simplicity, syncopation, 'bluesy' sound etc. in key solo.

Activity 11

Bar 6	Beat 2
Bar 8	Beat 2
Bar 9	Beat 2
Bar 11	Beat 1+
Bar 12	Beat 4
Bar 15	Beat 1+

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Comparison Questions

Question 1

The recording goes into double time feel, which is where the pulse is at twice the harmonic rhythm stays the same (i.e. chords last the same amount of time, so one two bars of the same chord with the new pulse). This means the performance can and soloists can play faster phrases in the solo sections without it sounding out of serene feel of a ballad melody.

Question 2

This question is subjective. Look for specific reference to musical elements of the

Question 3:

Ella Fitzgerald		To
<i>Song Book</i>	1978	With Count Basie
Strings	No strings	No key changes in tune
Verse is slower	Verse is quicker	Soli and scat solo
Old-fashioned orchestral accompaniment	Funk/groove accompaniment	Big Band

Question 4

Yes

Question 5

No

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Practice Exam-style Questions: Sample Essays

Higher Level

Question 1

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=By88wMU1pIQ> – John Coltrane

- a) Compare the two performances. You should comment on the melody and instrumentation, and any other relevant musical features.

Despite being the same song, these two recordings have a number of differences. Both relate to the instrumentation used, though melody, tempo and rhythm are also a point of contrast between the two recordings.

Perhaps the most striking of these differences is the instrumentation. Coltrane's recording is purely instrumental, with the soprano saxophone being the main melodic instrument. On the other hand, Ella Fitzgerald sings the melody in her version. Moreover, the instrumentation used in Coltrane's recording is much smaller than that in Fitzgerald's. Coltrane's recording features a jazz quartet consisting of, in addition to the soprano saxophone, piano, double bass and drums. On the other hand, the accompaniment to Fitzgerald's recording features orchestral winds and strings, including the flute, oboe, violins, violas and cellos, as well as a rhythm section consisting of guitar, bass and drums.

The instrumentation of the two versions also influences the detail of the melody. In Fitzgerald's version, the vocal melody is more detailed, with many ornaments and variations on the standard's main themes. The variants in Fitzgerald's performance are particularly noticeable at bars 10 and 11 (a variant of bars 6 and 7) and bars 17–20, (a variant of bars 13–16). Although the phrase at bars 8–11 is a minor 3rd higher than the phrase in the standard in both cases, the changes to the melody are minor and are a result of Fitzgerald's reworking. On the other hand, the agility of the soprano saxophone in Coltrane's version allows his melody more elaborately at times. Triplet and semiquaver embellishments are used in places, particularly towards the end of bars, and some ornaments of an excess of an octave are used. While idiomatic on a saxophone, such ornaments are not in Fitzgerald's voice. It is perhaps partly due to the limitations of the human voice that the melody is less embellished and more conjunct, with no leaps wider than a minor 3rd.

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Another factor that may be linked to the use of embellishment in Coltrane's version is its very slow tempo, which facilitates subdivision of the beats into smaller units. Fitzgerald uses a somewhat faster tempo, though she does use a 'laid-back' feel throughout. Interestingly for a jazz piece, most of her rhythms are straight, as the violin part bar 16. Coltrane's rendition also employs occasional syncopation in the main saxophone melody and in the piano's accompanying part.

In conclusion, Coltrane's rendition uses a jazz quartet with a prominent saxophone part, an ornamented melody with occasional wide leaps, and a very slow tempo. On the other hand, Fitzgerald's version uses a voice with orchestral accompaniment, a clear melody of the melody, and a somewhat faster tempo.

- b) Explain how Ella Fitzgerald uses musical elements to make this standard accessible to a wider audience.

One of the ways that Fitzgerald makes the piece accessible to the audience is through her vocal melody as the most prominent part of the texture. Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Mel Tormé and Sarah Vaughan were among the most popular singers of the 1940s and 1950s in particular, and while amazing bands and instrumentalists accompanied them, the song, lyrics and vocal star were very much the focal point of their recordings. The key to their popularity. The ability to tell stories, and convey emotion through melody and vocal interpretations, are what make these singers' adaptations of standards so relatable for an audience. For example, the lines 'I cry a little' and 'I'm a little bit of a bad girl' are emotions that the majority of listeners will be able to identify with, and these adaptations have had an impact on their life in a similar way.

Another way in which Fitzgerald makes her recording accessible to a wider audience is through the melody in a way that is very true to the original Cole Porter song. In the original American Songbook, Cole Porter's song is one of the most famous songs of the twentieth-century musical theatre / jazz repertoire. It thus would have been familiar to listeners in the 1950s, and so the use of a version similar to the original would appeal to a wide audience. Fitzgerald's structure is simply twice the length of the original, with an instrumental section for the first A, and a B section of the second time through. The instrumental soli is heavily based on the original Cole Porter melody, with the flute playing the melody at 'B' but with some counterpoint and two solo lines. Fitzgerald's embellishments of the melody are minor. Examples include the 'bends' added to notes, such as the words 'time' 'goodbye' and 'die' in the first phrase. The 'bends' added to notes – for example, on the word 'Gods' at bar 13 – are more apparent, and lends itself to getting 'stuck' singing along to, for example.

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Fitzgerald also uses texture and sonority to keep the audience's interest. He introduces each instrument and texture to build subtle momentum throughout the song. It starts with rather sparse instrumentation at the beginning with orchestral strings, bass and harp. Later in the song, a variety of instruments are used. This includes flute, cellos and rhythm section for section A¹ and a countermelody in section B¹. This use of development and change helps to maintain interest by creating contrast between sections. The accompaniment fits around and complements the main melody so as not to detract from it. If the instrumentation had been used throughout, it might have lost some of its freshness more familiar to the listener during the development of the song.

Ella Fitzgerald's version of 'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye' is so brilliant that you can find enjoyment in the few well-executed ideas presented to the listener. The subtleties and nuances to the accompaniment and vocals, they do not detract from the memorable tune or lyrics originally written by Cole Porter.

Suggested mark 18/20

Overall comment:

These are good answers. In each case a brief introduction summarises the main points. There is enough detail to demonstrate that you are able to analyse music in detail. Question a) covers the song throughout, and question b) links the answer to the historical and social context. Both essays reach conclusions and make judgements. In both cases, a conclusion links the discussions back to the question.

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Lower to Intermediate Level**Question 2**

- a) Discuss the reasons why Ella Fitzgerald may have chosen to record songs by Cole Porter because of the use of musical examples in your answers.

Ella Fitzgerald probably chose to record songs by Cole Porter because of the use of lyrics and general appeal to the audience.

One reason why Fitzgerald may have chosen to record 'The Cole Porter Song' is the use of lyrics. Porter's lyrics are often witty. They often contain clever wordplay. The music – for example, the line 'from major to minor', at bar 23 'Goodbye'.

Another reason why Fitzgerald may have chosen to record songs by Porter is the use of melody. Porter's melodies are often very memorable. For example, the undulating contour of 'Anything Goes' is very catchy. It is also quite simple, mostly within the range of an octave and mostly moves by steps and half steps. Porter's idiomatic style of vocal writing was another aspect of the melody that attracted Fitzgerald to record these songs.

Finally, Fitzgerald probably chose to record songs by Porter because he was one of the most influential composers on Broadway in the 1920s and 1930s, and she had been familiar with the music.

In conclusion, Fitzgerald probably recorded songs by Porter because of the use of memorable, idiomatic melodies. She may also have been encouraged by the fact that they were well known and thus accessible to her audience.

Each song chosen from this album happens to use a different set of instruments. A number of reasons why this is the case. The first, and perhaps most important, is that different instrumentations are used to suit the mood of the individual songs. The changes help capture and complement the themes of the lyrics and the overall feel of the period.

- b) Evaluate the use of instrumental arrangements in *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song*.

Because of the range of instruments available in the orchestra, there are many choices for those instruments to choose from, which has a big impact on the overall sound of the song. A good example of this is 'Too Darn Hot' which is a fast, energetic song. Instruments such as saxophone, trombone and trumpet are used to create a lively atmosphere of the period.

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The instruments in the orchestra, which the arranger is able to choose typical jazz line-ups or less common ones, using instruments such as means that some songs on the album will feature just a rhythm section. 'Do It' giving it a laid-back, more current (for the time) jazz sound, section, harp and oboe, etc. sound more old-fashioned. The instruments accompanying phrases, with thick, luscious sustained string parts with more spontaneous jazz accompanying phrases when just the rhythm is more room in the arrangement for these instruments and it will

Another benefit of the changes of instrumentation throughout the album does not become overly familiar with one orchestration, and these changes feature as each song has the potential for a fresh combination of instruments and sound. This means there is a sense of anticipation of what each song will be for the listener, and this adds another dimension to the album to enjoy. The more sounding arrangements in some songs, while jazzier ensembles are used at times where there is a mixture of the two styles such as in 'Anything Goes' with a jazz-style brass section, yet also strings and woodwind.

There are even opportunities to explore different orchestrations with the same instruments. For example, in 'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye' there are sections where the brass section, just lower strings play, parts where the whole string section and woodwind play and sections where the whole orchestra accompany the vocal over time, and helps with the overall narrative of the song. The trumpet section is also dispersed between strings and wind sections, playing

Overall, the changes of instrumentation on this record help capture the mood and help mirror emotions in the lyrics and compositions, and keep the music interesting, with different sounds and textures tailored to each song and that the arranger had put a lot of time into thinking about.

Suggested mark 13/20

Overall comment:

You have managed to identify an area of study to answer these questions in your analysis. However, as the analysis did not quite manage the degree of detail required to achieve higher marks (e.g. paragraphs of question b), you make interesting comments on the use of instruments and how they relate these to particular moments of the lyric, e.g. the big-band percussive stabs on 'Too Darn Hot' punctuate the rising sequence on the phrases '.... with my baby'.

A little more analysis and detail in the discussion would bring this up to the next grade.

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The following table indicates areas of essay question b) that could have achieved what information would gain those marks:

Comment	Ex
Typical jazz instruments such as saxophone, trombone and trumpet	Did not use correct technical to band line-up.
used to replicate contemporary jazz of the period	'Too Darn Hot' does seem close. You could have referenced and work to illustrate the point further. Even the Mel Torme version m brass and saxophone solos.
the string section, harp and oboe, etc. sound more old-fashioned	Not specific enough about what would be awarded if there was ensemble with a similar orchestra.
The instrumentation also dictates the accompanying phrases, with thick, luscious sustained string parts when strings are used, and more spontaneous jazz accompanying phrases when just the rhythm section is used, since there is more room in the arrangement for these instruments and it will not sound cluttered.	These examples need to be better songs, e.g. 'Ev'ry Time We Say' accompaniment is rich, with m just utilises a rhythm section w This allows Fitzgerald more rhy and guitar fills between phrase the effect of a duet with voice
There are more classical-sounding arrangements in some songs, while jazzier ensembles are used in others, and even times where there is a mixture of the two styles such as in 'Anything Goes'	This is one of the few clear exa point. More of the same woul mark.
This is built up gradually over time, and helps with the overall narrative of the song	An example of a song that built time would get more marks, m accompaniment increases in in orchestration, as it progresses
The tune in the instrumental soli section is also dispersed between strings and wind sections, playing separately.	This is another example of a be with an example provided.
Overall, the changes of instrumentation on this record help capture particular moods for songs, and help mirror emotions in the lyrics and compositions	This is rather like the opening paragraph is a summarising co put in some technical detail to textures' to 'moods' and 'emo the heart of the question of 'p Note the points already made 'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye' a

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Good Intermediate Level

Question 3

- a) Evaluate the structure, form and the performance of the songs from *Ella Fitzgerald Sings The Cole Porter Song Book* in relation to performances of this repertoire by other jazz musicians.

The structures of the songs chosen from this album are all fairly atypical of the jazz music that was happening at the time. They are often fairly simple compared to the way other musicians perform these songs. The main reason for the way they are structured is to feature the voice as the most prominent element.

One difference that is extremely apparent in the structure of these songs is that they consist of just a few times through the form, without extended scat or instrumental solos in the way 'post-bop/hard-bop' musicians often perform these songs. For example, on the seminal Dexter Gordon album 'Good Bait', a version of the Cole Porter song 'Love for Sale' which is instrumental, there are six repetitions of the form, over which the band take turns to play improvised solos. In contrast, a version of 'Love for Sale' on 'Ella Fitzgerald Sings The Cole Porter Song Book' uses a simple structure with Fitzgerald singing the melody for the verse and instrumental soli sections.

In the Ella Fitzgerald version, the verse section is included, which is 'Love for Sale Goes', which is fairly uncommon since a lot of jazz just uses the chorus. The verse is used as a means of bridging the gap from dialogue to full song by using a build from the dialogue to the full song with an out-of-strict-time introduction more like speech before the chorus kicks in. It is then simply twice through the chorus, with Fitzgerald then singing the melody throughout. It is finished with Fitzgerald repeating the final line 'Love for Sale', and then it ends with a short instrumental section from the band.

The Dexter Gordon version, however, goes six times round the form at a slower tempo with no verse section, just a 12-bar intro (it technically is 11 bars as the drums enter on beat 2 of the first bar as a kind of pickup). Gordon then plays a chorus, followed by a two-chorus solo. There is then another two-chorus solo, and then Gordon comes back in solo again until the very last A section, where the song is finished by a short outro. Clearly, the Ella Fitzgerald song, as prescribed, is structured in this way to feature her adaptation of the song. In contrast, Dexter Gordon's focuses on new improvised melodies over the well-known structure.

Despite being well known for her scat singing, Ella Fitzgerald does not use a lot of scat in these songs, nor are there whole choruses of instrumental solos or soli. When there are instrumental sections, they are only eight bars or half a chorus. For example, in the second time through the form, there is an instrumental soli for the B section, to which Fitzgerald comes in at the B section to finish the chorus by singing the final B and A sections. This focus on the singing and keeping instrumental sections short helps them to break up the vocal melody slightly, helps widen appeal since the lyrics and vocal elements of the songs are the most familiar, allowing listeners to connect with the emotions or themes in the lyrics.

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Another version of another Cole Porter composition that is also fearfully structured in a very different way is Miles Davis's version of 'All of Me' 'Round Midnight'. Despite only being recorded one year after the Ellington version, it is a lot more contemporary for its time in the way it is performed. Similarly to the version of 'Love for Sale' mentioned earlier, Davis plays sandwiches between the melody. This suggests that other jazz musicians of the time used jazz standards as a basis for a more abstracted version of the songs. When a song is written, the majority of the track will consist of improvised solos on the instrument.

It seems that Granz, Fitzgerald and Bregman's intentions with the album were not only to make Fitzgerald's voice the focus, but also to make the songs of Cole Porter a central focus.

- b) Describe the connection between music and text in **one** of the set works from the Porter Song Book.

In 'Anything Goes', musical elements are used to emphasise the contrast between the past and the present. The emphasis is also placed on key words in the text.

In 'Anything Goes', the contrast in the text is reflected by musical elements. The opening verse (bars 1–4) and verse (bars 5–20) are in G minor and have a slow tempo, creating a mood at the start of the text, which is about an early period of American history when people were quite conservative about relationships. From bar 21, the music changes to a major key and the tempo becomes much faster. This reflects a change in the text to a more modern period. The text of the main body of the song is about the relative social changes of the 1930s, when Porter wrote the song.

Fitzgerald changes her vocal technique to reflect the transition in the text. In the opening verse, she uses slides, portamento and rubato to give a laid-back feel to the fact that she is referring to a past time in history. When, from bar 21, the tempo becomes faster, she changes to a much more rhythmic style.

In 'Anything Goes', important words in the text are emphasised by musical elements. In the coda, Fitzgerald sings the words 'Anything goes' at a loud dynamic, which highlights the key textual idea and the title of the piece.

In conclusion, tonality, tempo and performance techniques are used to reflect the contrast between the text of the verse, which refers to a past time in history, and the main body of the song, which comments on social liberation in the 1930s. Important words are also highlighted by musical elements.

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Overall comment:

These are quite a difficult questions which requires extra research and analysis on

The analysis is good, but it would benefit from a little more detail to demonstrate the knowledge to express your analysis clearly. In essay a), the section on Dexter Gordon has been maintained throughout your writing – for example, in the Miles Davis section – higher.

The following table indicates areas of essay a that could have achieved more marks. The information would gain those marks:

Comment	Example
The main reason why the songs are structured the way they are is to feature the voice as the most prominent aspect of the songs.	More detail here would be good – an example of a song that features the vocal melody with no instrument being a typical small jazz ensemble.
It is then simply twice round the main form of the chorus	Since the question is about structure, it could be AABA
a lot more contemporary for its time	There is scope to add more detail, e.g. what jazz idiom of the late 1950s?
This suggests that other jazz musicians of the time were using these standards as a basis for a more abstracted version of the songs.	A brief comment on what you mean, support to improve your grade. A good example of this is 'This Thing Called Love' [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...] from the <i>Charlie Parker Jam Session</i>
While the melody is played as written, the majority of the track will consist of improvised solos on the chords.	Sometimes, some jazz players embellish the melody. This is the case with the Miles Davis version of 'This Thing Called Love'

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Practice Exam-style Questions: Indicative Content

Question 4

- a) Identify what you consider to be the defining characteristics of a Cole Porter song from four prescribed songs.

Comment	Example
Memorable melodies – often based on one or two small melodic fragments, or cells, which are exploited to create longer melodies.	A section of 'Let's Do It' melody built on the opening line 'Birds do it'.
Strong individual sections that contrast with / complement each other.	'Too Darn Hot' A section has fairly more chords and quicker changes.
Witty/racy/playful lyrics – lyrics will contain wordplay, metaphors and reference to history and culture, and explore the themes of the song. They were often considered particularly outrageous for conservative society.	'Love for Sale', also from the same period, is about a prostitute, but with very clever lyrics and cynicism of the subject.
Variety in the structures of the songs.	Uses AABA, the most common structure for show tunes. 'Let's Do It' and ABAB, less common, for 'Too Darn Hot'.
Cohesive in terms of relation/interplay of music and lyrics – Porter wrote both, which was unusual.	'Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye' the music changes from a major chord to a minor chord during the song, from major to minor'.
Often switches between major and minor key centres within songs, creating different moods within the one song.	'Too Darn Hot': A section – minor key, then major.
Variety of styles/moods of songs.	'Let's Do It' – positive song about love, in major key. 'Ev'ry Time' more melancholic, in minor key.

- b) Explain the use of harmony, tonality and structure in 'Too Darn Hot'.

Comment	Example
Strong sense of a tonal centre based on C throughout.	All harmonies throughout the song are based on the 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th or 5 th degree of the C scale.
Key is overall C minor, but there is a hint of C major around bars 37–42.	At bars 37–42, E \flat and A \flat are used in the bass line, and C major 9 th chords are used at the end of the section.
Despite the strong sense of tonality, complex jazz/blues-style colouristic harmony used throughout.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7ths added to most chords Some ninths (e.g. C9, bar 39, but not in the bass line) Many added 6th chords, especially in the bass line Half-diminished chord at bar 20 Diminished chord at bar 54
Structure is unusual for a show tune.	The overall structure is A (20 bars) – unusual for show tunes is AABA, with 32 bars. An example of this structure is 'Let's Do It'.
Instrumental section is used to replace the repetition of the two A vocal melodies in the second time through the form.	Bars 69–88 (A 3) feature solos from the saxophones, and a passage of the vocal melody. Bars 89–92 (A 4) feature a trumpet solo.

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Question 5

Jazz musicians have performed 'jazz standards' taken from shows for decades.

- a) What features of these songs help them work when taken out of context and works from *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book* and any other relevant answers.

Comment	
When sung, the lyrics are about universal themes such as love, so, even out of context, the audience can relate to them.	'Ev'ry Time We Say Good parting, and even without show/plot, this is still very the song.
Often simple and memorable melodies that leave the performer a lot of room for interpretation.	'Let's Do It' A section me on/around a three-note
Main tonality changes in the B section (modulations), giving variety and different chord centres to improvise upon. Songs are learnt by learning the melody and chords, not individual prescribed parts, which means instrumentation is flexible.	A section of 'Let's Do It' is section modulates to D m well. John Coltrane – saxo Fitzgerald – vocal-led full song, 'Ev'ry Time We Say
Relatable lyrics that tell stories / portray emotions that audience can relate to. Chords easily adapted to more complex jazz harmony with chord extensions/substitutions.	'Ev'ry Time We Say Good saying goodbye to a love become 7 ¹³⁽⁹⁾ ; II-V-I's rep
Songs are learnt by learning the melody and chords, not individual prescribed parts, which means instrumentation is flexible.	John Coltrane – saxopho Fitzgerald – vocal-led full song, 'Ev'ry Time We Say

- b) What is the role of improvisation in *Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song* the set works in your answer.

Comment	
Relatively simple structure that can be repeated in order to accommodate improvised solos on the chord sequence.	John Coltrane 'Every Time through the song several t often in an embellished fo
Main tonality changes in the B section (modulations), giving variety and different chord centres to improvise upon.	A section of 'Let's Do It' is section modulates to D m well.
Chords easily adapted to more complex jazz harmony with chord extensions/substitutions.	Dominant 7 chords beco II-V-I's replaced by tri-ton
The songs give musicians a strong platform for new improvised material.	When improvising on the explore and expand upon melody/harmony/rhythm composition then becom spontaneous musical ide
The improvisation allows for interaction between musicians and more open or abstract versions of any given standard.	Musicians will often sug performance in improvis member could suggest a quavers, to straight quav time. The other musician change accordingly, alter without it being a planne

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Glossary

Antiphonal	a texture where there is call and response between different groups of musicians.
Augmented chord	a major chord with a raised 5 th , e.g. C major is C–E –G [♯] –B. Another way to think of it is as the superimposition of two major triads.
Bebop	a style of jazz from the 1940s and 1950s associated with Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, and characterised by its adventurous melodies, speed and virtuosity.
Block chords	as opposed to broken chords – a chorale-like combination of notes in one movement.
Break	where the rhythm section will stop playing, leaving either a soloist or where a soloist can play or sing unaccompanied.
Bridge	a term for the B sections of a tune which uses the form 'middle eight', even if not exactly in the middle of the piece.
Chord extension	is when a chord uses added notes, e.g. a 9 th , 11 th or 13 th .
Chord tones	the notes of the chord, denoted by the chord symbol, e.g. C major. They will always include the main triad and the 7 th of the chord symbol such as a 7 th or an 11 th .
Chromatic passing chord	a chord (usually unrelated to the tonic key) that bridges two chords a tone apart via the momentary use of the chord that lies between them (the harmonic equivalent of a 'passing note' that may be used in a melody).
Comping	is a term used to define playing which concentrates on providing harmonic support; it is short for accompanying. Usually in reference to piano and guitar instruments.
Counter melody	a contrasting melody, played in counterpoint against the main melody.
Counterpoint	a texture created when different melodies, or different parts of a single melody, overlap.
Diminished scale	a scale made up of intervals that alternate between a tone and a semitone. There are two different types of diminished scale which differ depending on whether they start with a semitone interval or a tone interval.
Doubling	a term used when a member of an orchestra has to switch between two instruments. This will be to an instrument of the same family; for example, in a symphony band often have to double a flute/clarinet part.
Enclosure	a technique developed and often used in bebop, where a note is approached by a note above and below. For example, to play C, a D is played directly before C.
Glissando	when a performer slides slowly between a pair of notes or a series of pitches in between.
Half-diminished chord	a chord with a minor 3 rd , diminished 5 th and minor 7 th above the root.
Harmonic rhythm	is a term used to describe the rate at which the harmonic changes in a piece of music.
Harmonic substitution	where a different chord, that is usually harmonically related to the original, is substituted for the composer's original.
Homophonic	a texture consisting of melody and accompaniment or a single melodic line.

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II–V–I	a very common chord progression in jazz used as a melodic device in many tonalities, and to cadence to the I chord.
Improvisation	in its most common usage in jazz, a spontaneously improvised melodic line over a chord sequence.
Inversions	chords where the bottom note is a note other than the root. A first inversion may have the 3 rd as the bottom note of the chord. Extensions and chord tones of the root chord.
Jazz standards	jazz versions of show tunes that have become standard repertoire through usage by a variety of jazz musicians.
Lai- back	when music is played with a very relaxed, slightly behind the beat feel.
Mute	a device inserted into the bell of a brass instrument to reduce its volume.
Pedal	a sustained or repeated note in the bass where harmonic movement is not required.
Pickup	a note or group of notes on the upbeat which leads into the main phrase. In classical music, this is called an 'anacrusis'.
Playing time	a phrase used to describe rhythm-section playing, particularly in jazz, which provides a consistent steady beat and rhythm.
Rallentando	an Italian term for when music slows down.
Rhythmic displacement	the technique of taking a musical phrase and changing its starting point, resulting in a different rhythm and placement of notes.
Root movement	is the sequence, and movement, of the root notes of a chord progression.
Rubato	is a term used to describe music played without a strict tempo, often encouraged to play, or sing expressively.
Scat singing	A style of vocal improvisation, sung without lyrics to non-lexical syllables, 'vocables', emphasising texture and rhythmic vitality.
Slash chord	a chord, where a prescribed note that is not the root is added. For example a B \flat ⁷ /F is a B \flat ⁷ chord where an F is to be played in the bass.
Soli	the plural of solo. In a jazz big band it refers to an entire section playing. In orchestral works, it refers to a divided string section.
Stab	a single staccato note which is played in a bold and punctuated manner.
Straight-ahead jazz	This term is often used to describe mainstream jazz, particularly in the bebop tradition. Generally makes use of 'swing' feel, but also includes more progressive styles such as 'free jazz'.
Syncopated rhythm	a simple and steady pulse disrupted by anticipated or delayed accents.
Turnaround	a term used to denote a chord progression that usually returns to the original tonalities used at the ends of sections, or forms, and to the key.
Tremolo	the rapid repetition of a single note or chord, or rapid alternation between notes or chords.
Two-feel	where the bass plays on beats 1 and 3 instead of a 'walking bass' line on every beat of the bar.

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