

My Song Analysis: I Want to Hold Your Hand

Artist:

THE
BEATLES

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Music
Appreciation



Tempo of the Song

- The TEMPO is
FAST

In music Fast tempo is called ALLEGRO

Meter of the Song

- The METER is 4 beats

In music, a 4-beat pattern means that
the song has a 4/4 time signature

MOOD of the Song

The MOOD of this song is rather HAPPY.

The artist is communicating this by choosing a bright melody and fast tempo. The lyrics also support this feeling.

- A happy mood usually means that the song is in a MAJOR KEY or scale (in fact the song is written in E major)

Instrumentation of the Song and Texture

- The instrumentation I heard is:
 - 2 guitars, 1 drumset (percussion),
1 bass line, and the voices.
 - The song also had clapping.
- The texture is HOMOPHONIC because there is only one main melody or tune that is being accompanied by all other instruments and voices.

The FORM of the song

- The parts I discovered were:
Introduction, A-B-A'-B-C-A''-B- A'' ending
where:
 - A is the main verse (A' = vs2, A'' = vs3)
 - B is the Refrain or chorus
 - C is the bridge

Form analysis

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Verse 1 = Part A

Oh yeah, I'll tell you something
I think you'll understand
When I say that something
I wanna hold your hand

Refrain = Part B

I wanna hold your hand (2x)

Verse 2 = Part A'

Oh, please, say to me
You'll let me be your man
and please, say to me
You'll let me hold your hand

Refrain = Part B

Now let me hold your hand
I wanna hold your hand

Bridge = Part C

And when I touch you i feel happy, inside
It's such a feeling
That my love
I can't hide (3x)

Verse 3 = Part A"

Yeah you, got that something
I think you'll understand
When I say that something
I wanna hold your hand

Refrain= Part B

I wanna hold your hand
I wanna hold your hand

Bridge = Part C

And when I touch you I feel happy, inside
It's such a feeling
That my love
I can't hide (3x)

Verse 3 = Part A"

Yeah you, got that something
I think you'll understand
When I say that something
I wanna hold your hand

Refrain = Part B

I wanna hold your hand
I wanna hold your hand
I wanna hold your ha-a-a-a-a-a-and

Style of the song

- The style of this song is what was called BRITISH POP-ROCK from the 60's
 - More details in next slide

Facts about the STYLE of British Rock

- It uses what we now know as the MerseyBeat (for its area of origin) which is a BEAT groove with fusions of rock and roll, doo-wop, skiffle, R&B and soul.
- It became important in the American pop charts in the period after 1964, and provided the model for many important developments in pop and rock music.
- The basic format of the rock group is set around lead vocals, rhythm and bass guitars with drums. Other instruments included the keyboards, the harmonica.
- It borrows characteristics from Blues and American Rock and Roll
- It was inspired by the skiffle craze, which is a kind of popular music with jazz, blues, folk and grassroots music.

Facts about the Artists:

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- It is considered the MOST influential rock band of all times
- Became super famous in America in the early 60's
- Revolutionized the music industry with their recording innovations and their author-artist concept (wrote and sung their own music).
- Formally disbanded in 1970
- The members are: John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr
- Only two members are still alive today: Paul & Ringo.

