

Listening Journal Week4:

The Beatles "I Want To Hold Your Hand"

The song has a 4/4 time signature and has a medium up tempo. This song has a generally happy mood. This is being expressed by the artist by using a catchy tune and a quick speed. This sentiment is reinforced by the lyrics. The song starts with a solo guitar riff and the main instruments used are guitars, drums and the bass, following the stereotypical rock n roll format. The song also makes use of a lot of clapping which is something a little different from the usual rock n roll instruments used further adding to the fun upbeat vibe. The form is a simple verse form (ABAB). The same clapping pattern can be heard throughout the verses giving the song a more groovy feel. Towards the end of the second verse the last phrase 'hold your hand' is elongated and the note is held for longer while the drums kick in in the back giving a drumroll effect which builds the anticipation for the next few lines that are the hook. They also do something similar at the end of the bridge before starting off with verse 3. Towards the end only the drums can be heard in the back as he emphasizes and stretches the last word to give a dramatic finish.