MUSCLG 5: Pre-1965 Listening Guide Tiya Chokhani

**Chuck Berry - “Maybellene”**

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| Written and recorded by Chuck Berry, released by Chess Records in July 1955. Reached #1 on the Billboard’s Rhythm & Blues chart and #5 on the Hot 100. |
| **Form:** Simple Verse Chorus form, Rock & Roll, fast 12 paced blues, Mixing country with R&B |
| **Time Signature:** 4/4 |
| **Instrumentation:** Male Vocals, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, Maracus |

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| 0.00 | Instrumental Intro |  | Solo electric guitar riff for 8 counts |
| 0.04 | Chorus | “Maybellene..” | Vocal enters. |
| 0.16 | Verse 1 | “As I was…” |  |
| 0.29 | Chorus | “Maybellene..” |  |
| 0.41 | Verse 2 | “The Cadillac..” |  |
| 0.53 | Chorus | “Maybellene..” |  |
| 1.04 | Instrumental Break |  |  |
| 1.29 | Chorus | “Maybellene..” | As before… |
| 1.41 | Verse 3 | “The motor cooled..” |  |
| 1.54 | Chorus | “Maybellene..” | As before… |
| 2.05 | Instrumental |  |  |