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The Power of Analysis

When you are listening to a song, are you actually listening or is it just background noise? Are you carefully listening to every note placed or are you listening passively while playing Fortnite? It doesn't matter if you are listening to a song in order to understand how it's made or listening because you are bored; analysing music creates a better appreciation towards the artist and helps you discover parts of songs you previously didn't know existed. This guide is intended for music artists and enthusiasts. It is not intended to hurt your head or think too hard about the song. Enjoy the song and take it for what it's worth!

Side note: Not every song is produced masterfully, and not every artist intends on provoking certain emotions in their music. The point of analyzing music isn't to decide whether or not the artist had intent. The point is to fill gaps and create meaning to every song you listen to.

Let's get started...

Melody and Emotion:

You can pick up endless amounts of information through the melody and the instruments used. There may be more than one melody in a song but there is usually a frontline melody that is the most apparent in a song. Listen to it carefully. Is there repetition in the melody? Is there repetition and then a note change? Is the note change a high note or a low note? High notes usually provoke a happy emotion. Low notes provoke sad or depressive emotions. It is important to also note the instrument that each melody sits on. An instrument can also make the emotion of the song very apparent.

Listen to this song and pay attention to the repetitive melody, and tell me what kind of emotion you feel:

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfmaALfxVGM>]

Repetition in a melody, in my opinion, gives me a nostalgic feeling because you continue to hear it or it presents itself many times throughout the song. Specifically in this song, the instrument is also very playful which also makes it quite obvious that it is happy.

Textures and Atmosphere:

In my opinion, textures are the most interesting part of a song. They really play on emotions and give a sense of loneliness or fulfilment. If there is a lot of reverb, I feel loneliness. If the instruments and layers are very upfront, I feel fulfilled. Background noises, sound effects, and other forms of layers also make the song's intent obvious.

Listen to this song and pay attention to the reverb and sound effects, and tell me what kind of

feeling you get:

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Unfortunately, I can't post two videos in one thread:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihyQf8mww3o>

This song displays a lonely feeling, almost nostalgic but definitely confusion and lost. The reverb is the key in this song; it shows distance and makes you feel like the song and you are the only thing in the world.

Closing Points: I challenge you to listen to your favorite song and try to find something that you didn't notice before. Let me know what you find! I'm also more than happy to discuss a song with you or help you analyze a song. Thank you for reading!

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My next tutorial will def have more atmosphere stay tuned chief