



How can I create a marching
composition?

1. What is a March? Can you march like a soldier?

A **march** is a type of music with a very strong beat. They were often written for people, especially soldiers, to march along to.



2. What is the difference between a pulse and a Rhythm?

A **rhythm** is a pattern made from long and short notes.

It often follows the pattern of words in a song.

The rhythm at the beginning of Radetzky march is coffee tea, coffee, tea, tea, tea, tea.

The **beat** or the **pulse** is the steady heartbeat through the music. A steady beat helps musicians stay together.

3. I can maintain a pulse and a rhythm together.

Working in groups to using different 'London landmark' words to create a rhythm and instruments to play the pulse.

4. We can we create our own 'London' marching band?

We will keep the pulse whilst others play a rhythm.



Key words

steady beat—the 'heartbeat' of the music

pulse—the 'heartbeat' of the music

march— a piece of music with a strong beat

rhythm—a pattern of short and long notes

claves—a wooden percussion instrument

chant— a song, usually spoken, with lots of repetition

accompaniment—an instrument or vocal part that supports or adds to a melody.



Johann Strauss was an Austrian composer during the Romantic musical time period.

One of his most famous pieces is **Radetsky March**. It is usual for the audience to clap along to the beat of the march.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eab_eFtTKFs

