

Adams Machines!

Key Vocabulary	
Orchestrate	Choose which instruments play at which part in the piece
Ostinato	A repeating pattern
Pitched Percussion	Percussion instruments that can play different pictures
Tune	Another word for melody.

Listening	
Short ride in a Fast Machine	John Adams
Piece for 6 marimbas	Steve Reich
Glass works	Philip Glass
The Snow Prelude no.3	Einaudi
The Lamb	Taverner

Instruments	
Glockenspiels	Woodblocks
Percussion	

Singing	
My Paddle	Our Dustbin



Musical Terms	
Beat/ Pulse	The steady pulse that keeps going through a piece of music like a clock.
Rhythm	Patterns of long and short sounds used in music.
Tempo	How fast or slow the music is. The tempo can change during a piece of music.
Dynamics	How loud or quiet music sounds. Dynamics can change during a piece of music.
Texture	Sections where there are fewer performers and sections where there are more performers.
Pitch	How high or low a note sounds.

John Adams
Wrote a Short Ride in a Fast Machine in 1986. Sounds like a fanfare. The woodblock plays all the way through.



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