

Mark Scheme (Results) Summer 2007

GCE

GCE Music Technology (6715) Paper 01



Stayin' Alive The Bee Gees Track starts at 0'51"

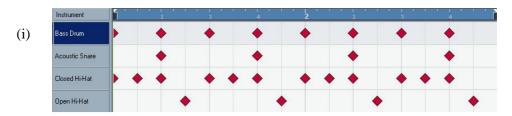
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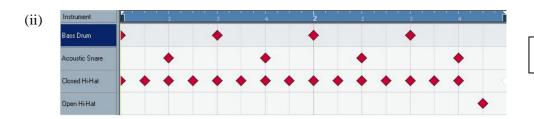
(a)	Is this song in a n	najor or minor k	ey?			
	Minor					(1)
(b)	What is the temporal	o of this song?	Put a cross in the	correct box.		
	66 bpm	80 bpm	<u>104 bpm</u>	12	20 bpm	
						(1)
(c)	What singing tech	nnique can be he	eard in the lead vo	ocal line of the	his track?	
	falsetto					
						(1)
(d)	Which of the foll the first verse? P			create the key	yboard part hear	d in
	electric piano	drawbar orga	an celest	e he	onky tonk piano)
						(1)
(e)	Describe the char	nge that takes pl	ace in the <i>product</i>	tion on the v	ocal track at 1'1	4"
	lead vocals	·	tre to L and R/wid l/overdubbing/do			
						(1)
(f)	The chorus begin harmonies in the				ate the vocal	
		2	<u>3</u>	4	5	(1)

- (g) Describe **two** differences in the performance and/or musical arrangement between verse 1 and verse 2 of this song.
 - string counter melody added / strings added
 - more vocal parts / backing vox
 - more vocal improvisation
 - Strings more prominent

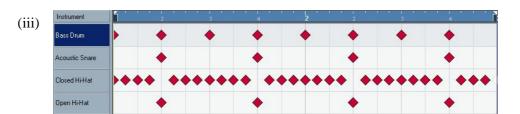
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(h) Which of the following 'drum edit' screens represents the drum kit pattern heard being played through most of verses 1 and 2? Put a cross in the correct box.





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(1)

(i) In which decade was this recording made? Put a cross in the correct box.

1960's <u>1970's</u> 1980's 1990's

(1)

2. One Way or Another Blondie

Track begins at 0'08"

(a) How is the instrumentation used to create different textures at the following points in the track? An example is given for you.

	Time	Texture		
Example:	'20'' - 0'54''	 Syncopated chords on rhythm guitar Bass guitar on the beat Vocal carries melody Kit provides backbeat rhythm 		
(i) 0'5	55" – 1'14"	 Chords on guitar stop Melody line is doubled in octaves (not multi-tracked) with guitars and bass and male vocal Kit provides backbeat with accented crashes 		
(ii) 1'5	58" - 2'09"	 Rhythm guitars and bass in rhythmic unison/syncopated rhythm Lead guitar has melody/guitar solo Drums half-time feel 		

(max. 2 marks for each answer)

(b)	Which 2'21	of the following	ng terms describes the	musical devi	ce heard betwee	n 2'15" and
		pedal note	descending sequence	ostinato	modulation	(1)
(c)	(i)	Describe the e	ffect heard on the rhyth	ım guitars in t	his recording.	
		Distortion				(1)
	(ii)	Describe <i>two</i> when recordin	different ways in whic g guitars.	h you might	create this effec	t (distortion)
	•	Applying disto	rtion effect from guitar	amplifier		
	•	Stomp box/FX	pedal			
	•	Amp modelling	g (e.g. V-Amp/Pod)			
	•	Distortion plu	g-in			
	•	Sampled disto	rted guitar sounds			
	•	Overdrive an o	amp turn up gain/fx on	атр		
	•	Digital FX				(2)
(d)	and pe		features of late 1970's ribe <i>two</i> features of thor you.			
		Ex	xample: use of distort	ed guitar riff	's	
•	Energ	etic performance	2			
•	Power	· chords				
•	Aggre	ssive vocal deliv	ery			
•	'Edgy	' feel to track				
•	Straig	htforward harme	опу			

Relatively straightforward to perform e.g. bass line/riffs etc.

Fast tempo

(2)

3. Then He Kissed Me **The Crystals** Music begins 0'08" Is this recording in mono or stereo? Put a cross in one box. (a) Stereo Mono (1) (b) Name two percussion instruments you can hear in this extract apart from the drum kit. Castanets **Tambourine** Timpani (2) The production on this type of track was known as 'the wall of sound'. (c) Which of the following producers is associated with this sound? Put a cross in (i) one box. George Martin **Quincy Jones** Timbaland Phil Spector (1) Identify three musical or production features of 'the wall of sound' that can be (ii) heard in this track. long reverb on all the instruments use of orchestral instruments e.g. strings/brass/percussion multi-layered sound/unison and doubling up between parts emphasized bass frequencies vocal layers e.g. lead, 'aahs' plus harmony vox thick/dense texture (3) In which year was this recording made? Put a cross in the correct box. (iii)

1952

1987

1963

1974

(1)

(d) This recording features a prominent orchestral string section.

The table below describes features of a recording set up that might be used to create a similar string sound. Complete the table to explain why these aspects of the recording set up have been chosen.

Feature of recording set up	Reason
(i) Location: large hall with reflective surfaces	Allows for natural ambience and reverb for full orchestral sound Allows for sound to 'develop'
(ii) Microphone type: stereo pair of condenser microphones	Frequency response is suitable to frequency range of instruments Sensitive to pick up wide range of dynamics Stereo field
(iii) Microphone position: Some distance away, positioned above and behind the conductor	Allows sound of individual instruments to blend and become balanced Captures the sound as listener would hear it Captures some room ambience To pick up full dynamic range of orchestra Not stereo image

(1 mark max. per section)

(3)

4.

The Harder They Come

				my Cliff gins at 0'			
(a)	The fir	est verse uses the	e following	major cho	rds:		
		$\mathrm{D}b$	F		$\mathrm{G}b$	Ab	
	and the	e chord of:					
		Bbm					
		of the chords us out a cross in the				ach of the missing ord is used.	; chords
	1	Db	F	Gb	<u>Ab</u>	Bbm	
	2	Db	<u>F</u>	Gb	Ab	Bbm	
	3	Db	F	Gb	Ab	<u>Bbm</u>	
	4	Db	F	<u>Gb</u>	Ab	Bbm	
							(4)
(b)	What type	of percussion p	attern does t	his track s	start with?		
	fill	l/fill-in					(1)

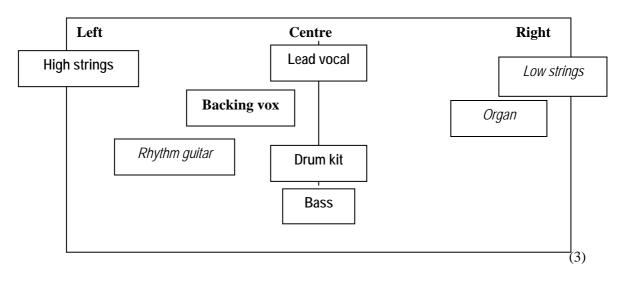
(c) Using the headings in the table below, describe one feature of this track that is typical of *reggae*.

	Feature
Instrumentation	Use of rim shots/snare rim for fills etc. Gospel style backing vox Strong/prominent bass line String section Organ/guitar on off beat harmony/chords
Rhythm	Off-beat guitar/keyboard chords/Skanking guitar chords Syncopated rhythms throughout melody and bass line emphasis on beats 2 and 4 Allow off-beat rhythm Drop pattern

(2)

(d) Indicate on the following chart where the following instruments and vocal parts have been placed in the stereo field in this track.

rhythm guitar low strings



organ

5. It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't got that Swing Louis Armstrong Track begins at 0'09"

(a) Complete the following table by naming the instrument heard at the places indicated. Which MIDI controller would you use to recreate the performance technique described in the table?

Time	Instrument	Performance Technique	MIDI controller used to recreate this performance technique
0'42''	trumpet	vibrato	Modulation (wheel) Controller /
1'39"	clarinet	glissando	pitch bend/pitch bend wheel/ porta ped, porta time(controllers 65 and 6) allow Portamento

(4)

- (b) Describe two significant characteristics of the lead vocal performance in this track.
 - 'growling'/or appropriate explanation
 - scat singing
 - Half singing/half speaking
 - Improvisation
 - Sliding up to a note
 - Bending notes

(2)

- (c) This track was recorded in the early 1960's. Given the limitations of the technology available at the time, describe two *successful* features of the sonic quality of the recording.
 - Little distortion/good levels
 - Clear capture of each part each instrument clearly heard
 - Well balanced recording appropriate ref. to frequency range
 - Good capture of bass
 - Very little 'noise'/hiss

Allow 'clarity' only once

- (d) This track is in a swing style. Describe *two* features of the track that are typical of *swing* music.
 - Uses standard jazz line up front line/rhythm section
 - Typically double bass, drums, and lead solo instruments
 - Swung rhythms
 - Triplet rhythms
 - Solo instrumental breaks
 - Improvised solo passages
 - Syncopation
 - Comping piano
 - Walking bass

Allow scat singing

(2)

6. Jump – Van Halen Track begins at 0'12"

Jump – Paul Anka Track begins at 1'55"

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The Van Halen version is in a higher key than the Paul Anka version.	✓
The Van Halen version is in a lower key than the Paul Anka version.	
The Van Halen version is in the same key than the Paul Anka version.	

(1)

(b) In which decade was Van Halen's recording made? Put a cross in the correct box.

1960's 1970's <u>1980's</u> 1990's (1)

(c) Paul Anka's version was recorded in 2005 but recreates the sound of which earlier style of music?

Swing/Big Band

(ii) When was this style of music at its most popular? Put a cross in the correct box.

<u>1930's/40's</u> 1940s/50s 1950s/60s 1960s/70s 1970s/80s

(2)

(d) Complete the table below to analyse the different arrangements of the two versions of this piece. An example is given for you.

	<u> </u>	
	Van Halen	Paul Anka
Use of pedal note in introduction	Low synth has a pedal note	Low brass/horns have pedal note initially – then follows chord changes
Bass line in verse 1	Plays pedal note or root of chord – repeated quavers	walking bass
Drum kit patterns in verse 1	straight, 4/4 backbeat	swung
Instrumentation in bridge section	Lead guitar plays short phrases in response to vocal/kit rhythm changes/descending high synth phrases/syncopated bass 'stabs'	horn section/b. vox play short phrases in response to vocal/piano improvisation/kit and bass continue patterns as before
	NB – accept references to the instrumentation also – guitar, bass, synths, drums, vocals At least three	NB – accept references to the instrumentation also –drums, bass, horn section, piano, vocals At least three

(4)

- (e) Describe two differences in the *production* of the two tracks.
 - VH has wide stereo field (with synths panned quite extreme) PA panned more like a live performance
 - VH uses long reverb/delay PA uses less reverb drier
 - Distortion FX in VH on guitar none in PA
 - PA replicates a live performance/more ambient sound VH close mic'd/overdubbed to produce a more glossy studio sound
 - Drums closed mic'd in VH more ambient in PA
 - VH uses synths and electronic instruments PA all acoustic

(2)

7.

In the Air tonight Phil Collins Track begins at 0'09"

- (a) Describe three ways in which the musical arrangement and production *during the introduction to* this track reflect the dark, sinister atmosphere of the lyrics.
 - Sparse texture/isolated sounds
 - Use of reverb
 - Wide stereo field
 - Minor key
 - Extremes of register low sustained (synth/guitar) notes/chords
 - pedal notes create tension
 - Slow tempo
 - Slow change of harmony and chords/pedal notes
 - Repetitive rhythmic loop/heart beat
 - Unsettling/eerie sounds (e.g. high distorted guitar)
 - <u>Long</u> intro builds tension/atmosphere

(3)

(b) This track uses a variety of studio effects processing.

Complete the table below stating on which instrument you can hear the effect and at what point in the song. An example is provided for you.

Effect	Instrument/part	Location (lyric/time)
Example: Timed delay/echo	Lead vocal	Last words of each phrase in second chorus: 'night', 'lord', 'moment', 'night' etc.
Reverb	Electric Guitar	Solo during the introduction (0'29" -0'42") and other distorted phrases (e.g. verse 1)
	(also lead vocal)	(throughout verses)
Gated reverb	Drum kit/snare	3'50" onwards/3 rd chorus
Vocoder	Lead vocal	Beginning 2 nd verse/'I remember'/'ever met'

(3)

(c) The vocal is a central and significant part in this recording.

Describe *two* potential problems that can be encountered when recording a vocal part in a studio, and suggest a possible solution for each one.

Potential problem	Possible solution
plosives	• use pop shield/reposition mic at angle
tuning	 use a guide vocal track one ear piece removed of headphones raise backing or vocal in foldback mix ensure singer is warmed up sing 'up' to the mic auto-tuning apply reverb to foldback mix
sibilance	adjust EQde essing
technical problems – breathing/diction	editing/drop in/cut-pasteretake/production advice, guidance
proximity effect/boosted lower frequencies	adjust distance singer/mic/use EQ cut/bass filter
lip/mouth/unwanted noises	 adjust position of singer – further back editing accept any plausible problem
too close/too distan/distortiont	adjust singer position appropriatelygating

(4)

8. Wannabe

The Spice Girls

Track begins at 0'08"

(a) The bass riff heard at the beginning of the track is notated below. Complete the riff using the rhythm indicated below.



NB This may be notated in B minor. The last note in bar 2 must be A natural or A# or B flat. Award half marks for the first six notes of the answer and round up.

(4)

- (b) Describe *two* contrasting vocal textures heard during this track.
 - Single vocalist/sharing phrases of melody
 - Duet/two voices in harmony/harmonised
 - Q and A/call and response
 - *Chordal 2/3 part harmony*
 - Solo singer punctuated by backing 'ha' on the beat
 - Spoken phrases/rapped
 - Not homophonic/monophonic unless qualified!

(2)

(c) The Spice Girls were one of the most successful girl groups of all time.

Choose *two* of the following girl groups and using the table below state when they were at the height of their popularity and the style of music for which they were most famous. An example is completed for you.

Destiny's Child Bananarama

The Supremes

Girl Group	Time of popularity	Style
Example: Sister Sledge	Late '70's/80's	Disco/soul
Bananarama	80's/90's (to present)	New wave/europop
Destiny's Child	1990's/early 00's	Modern r 'n' b/Urban/dance
The Supremes	1960's	Motown/soul

(4)

Answer EITHER Question 9 OR Question 10.

9. Hips Don't Lie Shakira

Track begins at 0'08"

Write an analysis of this song. Use the headings below to structure your answer. You should write in continuous prose under each heading, and **avoid repetition of the same material in your answers.**

Style

Describe the style of this track (1), the main features of this style and any other influences you can hear in the music (3).

Structure

Outline the overall structure of the song including all sections of the music in the correct order (2). Choose two different sections and describe two ways in which they are contrasted (2).

Instrumentation and Texture

Describe the instrumentation of this track (2). Describe two examples of how the instrumentation has been used to create contrasting textures within the song (2).

Performances

Describe two distinctive features of the vocal performance(s) (2) and two instrumental performance techniques that you can hear in this song (2). In both cases you should provide specific examples from the track.

Technology

Referring to at least two of the following areas, describe how music technology has been used to enhance this recording. You should provide specific examples from the song to illustrate your answer. (4) stereo field/panning

- effects processing
- overdubbing
- dynamics processing
- EQ

Shakira – Hips Don't Lie

Style	Latin-pop/latino/Spanish Spanish guitar style of playing Language Latin dance style of accompanying rhythms Rap words spoken in rhythm particular words stressed to provide emphasis call and response with backing vox Urban/R'n'B Vocal style/improvisation (1'45")/blue notes Other artists: Christina Milian; Jennifer Lopez; Gloria Estefan Any credible alternative			
Instrumentation	_	brass section (trumpets) one mark per instrument)	– bass (synth) - drum kit/ lat – <mark>(acoustic)</mark> guitar	in percussion
Structure:	Intro – Chorus 1 – Chorus 1 – Chorus 2 - Verse 1 – Chorus 1 – Chorus 1 – Chorus 2 – Chorus 2 – Verse 2 – transition/breakdown – Chorus 1 – Chorus 1 – Middle 8/transition – Bridge – Rap – Chorus 2 – Chorus 2 – Playout/Outro Accept alternative labels for middle sections			
Structure	Lyrics	Instrumentation and textures	Performance techniques	Technology
Introduction	Ladies up in here tonight No fighting, no fighting We got the refugees up in here No fighting, no fighting Shakira, Shakira	Brass ensemble back 'toasting' vocals	Rapping/toasting Spoken 'Shakira,	Tight stereo field Reverb on lead vocal
Charact.	Tanana III I a a dag	Landardard	Shakira'	Parania and
Chorus 1 (male) 0:18	I never really knew that she could dance like this She makes a man wants to speak Spanish Como se llama (si), bonita (si), mi casa (si, Shakira Shakira), su casa Shakira, Shakira	Lead vocal and backing vox over percussion/bass with strummed guitar chords every two beats Interjections of 'si'	Vocal interjections from backing vox Strummed guitar chords	Prominent bass in mix Guitar slightly left of centre

Chorus 1 (female) 0:27	Oh baby when you talk like that You make a woman go mad So be wise and keep on Reading the signs of my body		Vocal interjections from backing vox Backing vox vocalising and glissando – 'aah'	Backing vox. Panned L and R
Chorus 2 0:37	And I'm on tonight You know my hips don't lie And I'm starting to feel it's right All the attraction, the tension Don't you see baby, this is perfection	Brass added	Rapping/talking in the background Backing vox vocalising and glissando – 'aah'	Backing 'aah' panned L and R
Verse 1 0:47	Hey Girl, I can see your body moving And it's driving me crazy And I didn't have the slightest idea Until I saw you dancing	Lead male vocals over percussion/bass with guitar phrases Bass plays first beat ofbar	Backing vox vocalising and glissando – 'aah'	Reverb on vocal Backing 'aah' panned L and R
0:56	And when you walk up on the dance floor Nobody cannot ignore the way you move your body, girl And everything so unexpected - the way you right and left it So you can keep on shaking it	Two male vocals in harmony	Occasional half singing/half talking Backing vox vocalising and glissando – 'aah'	Overdubbed vocals
Chorus 1 1:05	I never really knew that she could dance like this She makes a man want to speak Spanish Como se llama (si), bonita (si), mi casa (si, Shakira Shakira), su casa Shakira, Shakira	Interjections of 'Si'		

Chorus 1 1:15	Oh baby when you talk like that You make a woman go mad So be wise and keep on Reading the signs of my body	Lead female over strummed chords And vocal interjections from backing vox	Vocal interjections	
Chorus 2 1:25	And I'm on tonight You know my hips don't lie And I am starting to feel you boy Come on lets go, real slow Don't you see baby asi es perfecto	Added brass counter melodies	Rapping/talking in the background	
Chorus 2 1:35	Oh I know I am on tonight my hips don't lie And I am starting to feel it's right All the attraction, the tension Don't you see baby, this is perfection Shakira, Shakira		Rapping/talking in the background	
		Stop	Drum fill	
Verse 2 1:44	Oh boy, I can see your body moving Half animal, half man I don't, don't really know what I'm doing But you seem to have a plan My will and self restraint Have come to fail now, fail now See, I am doing what I can, but I can't so you know That's a bit too hard to explain	Lead female vocals over percussion/bass with guitar phrases Improvised/blue notes Added female 3 rd harmony	Rapping/talking in the background	Overdubbing of female vocal
'Breakdown' 2:03	Baila en la calle de noche Baila en la calle de día Baila en la calle de noche	Male vocals in harmony Added lead female vocal	chanting	Backing vox. Panned L Percussion R

	Baila en la calle de día			
Chorus 1 2:13	I never really knew that she could dance like this She makes a man want to speak Spanish Como se llama (si), bonita (si), mi casa (si, Shakira Shakira), su casa Shakira, Shakira	Percussion/bass/brass	Rapping/talking in the background/interjections	
Chorus 1 2:22	Oh baby when you talk like that You know you got me hypnotized So be wise and keep on Reading the signs of my body	Lead female	Rapping/talking in the background	
'Middle 8' 2:32	Senorita, feel the conga, let me see you move like you come from Colombia	Male vocals		Percussion on left
Transition/bridge 2:37	Mira en Barranquilla se baila así, say it! Mira en Barranquilla se baila así Yeah	Saxophone added over perc/bass/raps	Trill on sax during solo Vocal 'shouting' Vocal 'trill'	Distortion on male vocal Delay on vocals
Rap 2:54	She's so sexy every man's fantasy a refugee like me back with the Fugees from a 3rd world country I go back like when 'pac carried crates for Humpty Humpty I need a whole club dizzy Why the CIA wanna watch us? Colombians and Haitians I ain't guilty, it's a musical transaction No more do we snatch ropes	Male rapping Reinforcing of certain vocals Higher female added 5 th higher	Rapping/rhythmic talking	Overdubbing on ends of vocal phrases
	Refugees run the seas 'cause we own our own boats			

Chorus 2 3:13	I'm on tonight, my hips don't lie And I'm starting to feel you boy Come on let's go, real slow Baby, like this is perfecto	Lead female/perc/bass/brass counter melody from opening Female vocal in harmony on certain phrases	Rapping/talking in the background	Overdubbing of female vocal in backing
Chorus 2 3:23	Oh, you know I am on tonight and my hips don't lie And I am starting to feel it's right The attraction, the tension Baby, like this is perfection			
Playout/outro 3:32	No fighting No fighting	Brass counter melody Male/female spoken phrases		Delay on last brass notes

10. Chasing Cars Snow Patrol

Track begins at 0'08"

Write an analysis of this song. Use the headings below to structure your answer. You should write in continuous prose under each heading, and avoid repetition of the same material in your answers.

Style

Describe the style of this track (1), the main features of this style and any other influences you can hear in the music (3).

Structure

Outline the overall structure of the song including all sections of the music in the correct order (2). Choose two different sections and describe two ways in which they are contrasted (2).

Instrumentation and Texture

Describe the instrumentation of this track (2). Describe two examples of how the instrumentation has been used to create contrasting textures within the song (2).

Performances

Describe two distinctive features of the vocal performance(s) (2) and two instrumental performance techniques that you can hear in this song (2). In both cases you should provide specific examples from the track.

Technology

Referring to at least two of the following areas, describe how music technology has been used to enhance this recording. You should provide specific examples from the song to illustrate your answer.

- stereo field/panning
- effects processing
- overdubbing
- dynamics processing
- EQ

Snow Patrol - Chasing Cars

Style	Indie rock alternative pop/rock/indie rock thoughtful lyrics, less commercial than mainstream Guitar based/distorted guitars Trad./simple chord structure, verse, chorus. Memorable hooks Other artists: Coldplay, Keane					
Instrumentation	lead and backing vox – piano – bass - drum kit - acousticguitar electric guitar – tambourine – synths/samples					
Structure		norus – Verse 2 – Choru t 8 sections for 2 marks,				
Structure	Lyrics					
Introduction		Guitar fifths/ostinato Added quiet power chords and ambient sounds	Picked notes	Reverb on guitar Light distortion		
Verse 1 0:15	We'll do it all Everything On our own We don't need Anything Or anyone	Guitar octaves, falling lower line, lead male vocal Ambient sounds in background	'catch' in voice 'drop' at ends of phrases Short phrasing/breaks in between	Ambient synth/sample sounds across stereo field Reverb on voice		
Chorus 0:48	If I lay here If I just lay here Would you lie with me and just forget the world?	Bass notes on chord changes Added strummed chords	Strummed guitar chords Longer phrasing/more legato			
Verse 2 1:08	I don't quite know How to say How I feel Those three words Are said too much They're not enough	As verse 1 Bass on chord changes Added 'piano'	Pitch bends on certain words in vocal line 'don'thow saidnot'	Ambient synth L and R Filter/sweep synth		
Chorus 1:43	If I lay here If I just lay here Would you lie with me and just forget the world?	Percussion on off beats Power chords		Hi EQ boost guitar Distorted guitar Cymbal/tambourine on L and R		

Chorus 2:02	Forget what we're told Before we get too old Show me a garden that's bursting into life	Added higher harmony/pedal guitar Added higher vocal harmony		Backing vox panned right Ambient sounds and voices panned L and R
Verse 3 2:22	Let's waste time Chasing cars Around our heads	'Piano' doubles melody octave higher Added high synth chords	Softer vocal tone	Piano notes panned right Delay/long reverb on piano
	I need your grace To remind me To find my own	'break' – leaving ambient/synth sounds		Ambient sounds across stereo field
Chorus 2:58	If I lay here If I just lay here Would you lay with me and just forget the world?	Added drum kit Power chords on all guitars Added higher vocal harmonies		Compression Guitars panned L and R
	Forget what we're told Before we get too old Show me a garden that's bursting into life	No fifths figure Lower guitar c/melody		Low guitar left
Chorus 3:36	All that I am All that I ever was Is here in your perfect eyes, they're all I can see	Harmony vocals added on some lines Added high synth with long notes		
Chorus 3:53	I don't know where Confused about how as well Just know that these things will never change for us at all			
Chorus 4:13	If I lay here If I just lay here Would you lay with me and just forget the world?	Texture change As beginning – guitar fifths, solo vocal		Reverb on guitar