

## Copland: Appalachian Spring

**LISTEN** to the section of Appalachian Spring played by musicians of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rzZ2F18MwI>

- Things to listen for:
  - What instruments are playing?
  - Do different instruments give a different feeling to the song?

**PLAY** Attached is a score of Simple Gifts, the folk song that is the main melody in this part of Appalachian Spring

Here's a link to me showing how to play the melody

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oyb-WabS-fo&feature=youtu.be>



*from Wikimedia Commons*

## LEARN

Here's a little background information about the music

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Appalachian\\_Spring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Appalachian_Spring)

Here's some background information about Copland

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aaron\\_Copland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aaron_Copland)

Here's an article about how the TSO recording was put together

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/music/article-united-by-a-metronome-toronto-symphony-orchestra-brings-aaron-copland/>

## FURTHER LISTENING

Here's a link to the complete work conducted by Copland and performed by the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington DC, USA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xxd1cmenki8>

- What is the difference in sound between the instruments that play in the first example and the ones that play in this example?

Here's a 12 minute program about Appalachian Spring on NPR (National Public Radio – USA)

<https://www.npr.org/2000/11/13/1113916/npr-100-i-appalachian-spring-i>

And if you're looking for something a little different, have a listen to this version of Copland's Hoedown from Rodeo performed by the 70s progressive rock band Emerson, Lake and Palmer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPdWCo64D2Y>

**MORE COPLAND** The Toronto Public Library has over 500 e-recordings of Copland. Here's a link <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/search.jsp?N=37910&Ntt=aaron+copland>