



Afro Celt Sound System (1995)

Release Glossary

Keyword	What is the definition? How does it sound?	
Year Composed	1999	
Loop	A repeating pattern of notes.	
Improvisation	Making something musical up on the spot.	
Samples	When you add a short passage of music that originally comes from another piece into your piece of music	
Syllabic	Every syllable fits every note in the melody.	
Virtuosic solos	Solos that are complex and demanding for that instrument	
Strophic/Verse Form	A structure with mostly verses (no chorus)	
Homophonic	A melody over a chordal texture.	
Polyphonic	Multiple melodies playing all at the same time.	
Rubato/Free time	Playing without a tempo mark.	
4/4	4 crotchet beats in the bar.	
Syncopation	Off-beat rhythms	
Extended Chords	Chords that include the 7 th and 9 th notes.	
Drone	A long extended chord/note played throughout a piece.	
Key signature	C minor, but the tonality is Modal	
Aeolian Mode	A musical mode that starts on A and only uses the white keys on the piano.	
Diatonic harmony	The harmony stays in the key signature, there are not many accidentals.	
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