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# Three's a Crowd: Understanding the Rise of Two-Chorus Form in Recent Popular Music

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## Supplemental Tables

| Table 1: 2021 Two-Chorus Songs<br>(Sorted by Publication and List Rank) |   |      |                            |  |      |
|---|---|------|----------------------------|--|------|
| NPR only  |   |      | Billboard only (Hot)       |  |      |
| Rank  | Artist and Song   | Type | Rank                       | Artist and Song  | Type |
| 3   | Lucy Dacus, "Thumbs"                                      | 2    | 20                         | Masked Wolf, "Astronaut In The Ocean"                                | 3    |
| 5   | Sharon Van Etten and Angel Olsen, "Like I Used To"        | 1    | 22                         | Pop Smoke, "What You Know Bout Love"                                 | 1    |
| 6   | <u>Cassandra Jenkins, "Hard Drive"</u>                    | 2    | 23                         | Machine Gun Kelly Blackbear, "My Ex's Best Friend"                   | 1    |
| 19  | <u>Emily Scott Robinson, "Let 'Em Burn"</u>               | 1    | 31                         | Giveon, "Heartbreak Anniversary"                                     | 1    |
| 24  | <u>Japanese Breakfast, "Be Sweet"</u>                     | 3    | 36                         | Lil Baby, "On Me"  | 1    |
| 28  | <u>Pink Panthress, "Just for me"</u>                      | 1    | 44                         | SpotemGottem (ft. DaBaby) "Beat Box"                                 | 1    |
| 31  | <u>Amber Mark, "What It Is"</u>                           | 2    | 47                         | Drake (feat. Lil Baby), "Wants And Needs"                            | 1    |
| 33  | <u>Charli XCX, "Good Ones"</u>                            | 1    | 50                         | CJ, "Whoopy"   | 1    |
| 36  | <u>Esperanza Spalding, "Formwela 10"</u>                  | 1    | 52                         | SZA, "Good Days"   | 2    |
| 37  | <u>Victoria Monét, "F.U.C.K."</u>                         | 2    | 65                         | Justin Bieber & benny blanco, "Lonely"                               | 1    |
| 42  | <u>BLACKSTARKIDS, "Juno"</u>                              | 2    | 75                         | Mooski, "Track Star"   | 1    |
| 43  | <u>Joy Oladokun, "jordan"</u>                             | 1    | 76                         | Moneybagg Yo, "Time Today"   | 1    |
| 52  | <u>amaarae (ft. Moliy), "SAD GIRLZ LUV MONEY (Remix)"</u> | 2    | 83                         | Bad Bunny, "Yonaguni"  | 2    |
| 57  | <u>Larry June, "Iced Coffee"</u>                          | 1    | <b>Songs on both lists</b> |  |      |
| 75  | <u>Silvia Estrada, "Marchita"</u>                         | 2    | Rank (Avg)                 | Artist and Song  | Type |
| 80  | <u>Tyler, The Creator, "WUSYANAME"</u>                    | 1    | 5                          | Lil Nas X, "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)" (NPR- #1, Billboard- #9) | 3    |
| 83  | <u>Khemmis, "Averal Gate"</u>                             | 2    | 16.5                       | Olivia Rodrigo, "Deja Vu" (NPR- #20, Billboard- #13)                 | 2    |
| 89  | <u>Pom Pom Squad, "Drunk Voicemail"</u>                   | 1    | 53.3                       | Rauw Alejandro, "Todo de Ti" (NPR #7, Billboard #100)                | 2    |
| 91  | <u>Bachelor, "Back Of My Hand"</u>                        | 1    | 63                         | Drake (etc.), "Knife Talk" (NPR- #40, Billboard- #86)                | 1    |
| 96  | <u>Snail Mail, "Automate"</u>                             | 2    | 69.5                       | Moneybagg Yo, "Wockesha" (NPR- #97, Billboard- #42)                  | 1    |

**Table 2: 2021 Two-Chorus Songs**  
(Sorted by Formal Type)

| Type 1 Examples (22) :   |  | Type 2 & 3 Examples (15):   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only Verse-Chorus Units (plus Intro and Outro)</li> <li>No bridge or significant contrasting section</li> </ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include a bridge or significant contrasting section                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type 2 have a contrasting section after the final chorus.</li> <li>Type 3 have a contrasting section before the final chorus</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |   |
| Rank   | Song Artist and Title                                  | Rank  | Song Artist and Title                                     |
| 5 (NPR)  | Sharon Van Etten & Angel Olsen, "Like I Used To"       | <b>Type 2 Examples</b>  |   |
| 19 (NPR)   | <u>Emily Scott Robinson, "Let 'Em Burn"</u>            | 3 (NPR)   | Lucy Dacus, "Thumbs"                                      |
| 22 (Hot)   | Pop Smoke, "What You Know Bout Love"                   | 6 (NPR)   | <u>Cassandra Jenkins, "Hard Drive"</u>                    |
| 23 (Hot)   | Machine Gun Kelly and Blackbear, "My Ex's Best Friend" | 16.5 (Avg)  | Olivia Rodrigo, "Deja Vu"                                 |
| 28 (NPR)   | <u>Pink Panthress, "Just for me"</u>                   | 31 (NPR)  | <u>Amber Mark, "What It Is"</u>                           |
| 31 (Hot)   | Giveon, "Heartbreak Anniversary"                       | 37 (NPR)  | <u>Victoria Monét, "F.U.C.K."</u>                         |
| 33 (NPR)   | <u>Charli XCX, "Good Ones"</u>                         | 42 (NPR)  | <u>BLACKSTARKIDS, "Juno"</u>                              |
| 36 (NPR)   | <u>Esperanza Spalding, "Formwela 10"</u>               | 52 (NPR)  | <u>amaarae (ft. Moliy), "SAD GIRLZ LUV MONEY (Remix)"</u> |
| 36 (Hot)   | Lil Baby, "On Me"                                      | 52 (Hot)  | SZA, "Good Days"  |
| 43 (NPR)   | <u>Joy Oladokun, "jordan"</u>                          | 53.5 (Avg)  | Rauw Alejandro, "Todo de Ti"                              |
| 44 (Hot)   | SpotemGottem (ft. DaBaby) "Beat Box"                   | 83 (NPR)  | <u>Khemmis, "Avernal Gate"</u>                            |
| 47 (Hot)   | Drake (ft. Lil Baby), "Wants And Needs"                | 83 (Hot)  | Bad Bunny, "Yonaguni"                                     |
| 50 (Hot)   | CJ, "Whoopy"   | 96 (NPR)  | <u>Snail Mail, "Automate"</u>                             |
| 57 (NPR)   | <u>Larry June, "Iced Coffee"</u>                       | <b>Type 3 Examples</b>  |   |
| 63 (Avg)   | Drake (etc.), "Knife Talk"                             | Rank  | Song Artist and Title                                     |
| 65 (Hot)   | Justin Bieber & benny blanco, "Lonely"                 | 5 (Avg)   | Lil Nas X, "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)"               |
| 69.5 (Avg)   | Moneybagg Yo, "Wockesha"                               | 20 (Hot)  | Masked Wolf, "Astronaut In The Ocean"                     |
| 75 (Hot)   | Mooski, "Track Star"                                   | 24 (NPR)  | <u>Japanese Breakfast, "Be Sweet"</u>                     |
| 76 (Hot)   | Moneybagg Yo, "Time Today"                             | 75 (NPR)  | <u>Silvia Estrada, "Marchita"</u>                         |
| 80 (NPR)   | <u>Tyler, The Creator, "WUSYANAME"</u>                 |   |   |
| 89 (NPR)   | <u>Pom Pom Squad, "Drunk Voicemail"</u>                |   |   |
| 91 (NPR)   | <u>Bachelor, "Back Of My Hand"</u>                     |   |   |

**Table 3: 2021 Two-Chorus Songs  
(Sorted by Duration: Shortest to Longest)**

| <b>Song Artist and Title</b>                               | <b>Song Duration</b> | <b>Type</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| <u>Pink Panthress, "Just for me"</u>                       | 1:56                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Tyler, The Creator, "WUSYANAME"</u>                     | 2:02                 | Type 1      |
| CJ, "Whooppy"  | 2:04                 | Type 1      |
| Masked Wolf, "Astronaut In The Ocean"                      | 2:13                 | Type 3      |
| Moneybagg Yo, "Time Today"                                 | 2:16                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Charli XCX, "Good Ones"</u>                             | 2:17                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Lil Nas X, "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)"</u>         | 2:18                 | Type 3      |
| Machine Gun Kelly & Blackbear, "My Ex's Best Friend"       | 2:19                 | Type 1      |
| Lil Baby, "On Me"  | 2:19                 | Type 1      |
| Justin Bieber & benny blanco, "Lonely"                     | 2:29                 | Type 1      |
| Pop Smoke, "What You Know Bout Love"                       | 2:41                 | Type 1      |
| <u>BLACKSTARKIDS, "Juno"</u>                               | 2:54                 | Type 2      |
| Moneybagg Yo, "Wockesha"                                   | 3:01                 | Type 1      |
| SpotemGottem (ft. Poo Sheisty) "Beat Box" (Ver 2)          | 3:02                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Snail Mail, "Automate"</u>                              | 3:09                 | Type 2      |
| Drake (ft. Lil Baby), "Wants And Needs"                    | 3:14                 | Type 1      |
| Japanese Breakfast, "Be Sweet"                             | 3:15                 | Type 3      |
| Giveon, "Heartbreak Anniversary"                           | 3:19                 | Type 1      |
| Mooski, "Track Star"                                       | 3:19                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Rauw Alejandro, "Todo De Ti"</u>                        | 3:20                 | Type 2      |
| SpotemGottem (feat. DaBaby) "Beat Box" (Ver 3)             | 3:21                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Victoria Monét, "F.U.C.K."</u>                          | 3:25                 | Type 2      |
| <u>amaarae (ft. Moliy), "SAD GIRLZ LUV MONEY (Remix)"</u>  | 3:25                 | Type 2      |
| Bad Bunny, "Yonaguni"                                      | 3:26                 | Type 2      |
| <u>Esperanza Spalding, "Formwela 10"</u>                   | 3:29                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Pom Pom Squad, "Drunk Voicemail"</u>                    | 3:30                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Bachelor, "Back Of My Hand"</u>                         | 3:30                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Olivia Rodrigo, "déjà vu"</u>                           | 3:36                 | Type 2      |
| <u>Larry June, "Iced Coffee"</u>                           | 3:41                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Silvia Estrada, "Marchita"</u>                          | 3:47                 | Type 2      |
| <u>Joy Oladokun, "jordan"</u>                              | 4:01                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Drake (ft. 21 Savage and Project Pat), "Knife Talk"</u> | 4:03                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Sharon Van Etten (etc.), "Like I Used To"</u>           | 4:24                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Lucy Dacus, "Thumbs"</u>                                | 4:25                 | Type 2      |
| <u>Emily Scott Robinson, "Let 'Em Burn"</u>                | 5:08                 | Type 1      |
| <u>Amber Mark, "What It Is"</u>                            | 5:25                 | Type 2      |
| <u>Cassandra Jenkins, "Hard Drive"</u>                     | 5:27                 | Type 2      |
| <u>Khemmis, "Avernal Gate"</u>                             | 7:11                 | Type 2      |

**Table 4: Two-Chorus Songs from *Billboard Charts*  
2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019  
(Sorted by Year)**

| <b>Song Artist and Title</b>                                     | <b>Year</b> | <b>Type</b> | <b>Duration</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Drake, "Headlines"   | 2011        | 1           | 3:55            |
| Avicii, "Wake Me Up"   | 2013        | 2           | 4:07            |
| Anna Kendrick, "Cups" ("When I'm Gone")                          | 2013        | 1           | 2:06            |
| Swedish House Mafia ft. John Martin, "Don't You Worry Child"     | 2013        | 1           | 3:32<br>or 6:43 |
| Calvin Harris ft. Florence Welch, "Sweet Nothing"                | 2013        | 2           | 3:32            |
| Ylvis, "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)"                        | 2013        | 2           | 3:33            |
| Mariah Carey ft. Miguel, "#Beautiful"                            | 2013        | 1           | 3:19            |
| Fetty Wap, "Trap Queen"  | 2015        | 1           | 3:42            |
| Skrillex and Diplo (Jack Ü) ft. Justin Bieber, "Where Are Ü Now" | 2015        | 1           | 4:10            |
| Fetty Wap feat. Monty, "My Way"                                  | 2015        | 1           | 3:33            |
| Beyoncé, "7/11"  | 2015        | 3           | 3:33            |
| Sia, "Chandelier"  | 2015        | 1           | 3:36            |
| Drake, "Back to Back"  | 2015        | 1           | 2:50            |
| Kendrick Lamar, "HUMBLE!"  | 2017        | 1           | 2:57            |
| Childish Gambino, "Redbone"                                      | 2017        | 2           | 5:26            |
| Kygo and Selena Gomez, "It Ain't Me"                             | 2017        | 1           | 3:40            |
| Kyle ft. Lil Yachty, "iSpy"                                      | 2017        | 1           | 4:13            |
| Rihanna, "Love on the Brain"                                     | 2017        | 1           | 3:44            |
| Animé, "Caroline"  | 2017        | 1           | 3:29            |
| Zay Hilfigerrr & Zayion McCall, "Juju on That Beat (TZ Anthem)"  | 2017        | 1           | 2:24            |
| Drake, "Passionfruit"  | 2017        | 1           | 4:58            |
| DRAM ft. Lil Yachty, "Broccoli"                                  | 2017        | 3           | 3:45            |
| Calvin Harris (etc.), "Slide"                                    | 2017        | 1           | 3:50            |
| Playboi Carti, "Magnolia"  | 2017        | 1           | 3:01            |
| Hailee Steinfeld & Grey ft. Zed, "Starving"                      | 2017        | 1           | 3:01            |
| Gucci Mane ft. Drake, "Both"                                     | 2017        | 1           | 3:10            |
| XXXTentacion, "Look at Me!"                                      | 2017        | 1           | 2:06            |
| Post Malone and Swae Lee, "Sunflower"                            | 2019        | 1           | 2:38            |
| Post Malone, "Wow"   | 2019        | 1           | 2:29            |
| Benny Blanco (etc.), "Eastside"                                  | 2019        | 1           | 2:53            |
| Meek Mill ft. Drake, "Going Bad"                                 | 2019        | 1           | 3:00            |
| Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper, "Shallow"                          | 2019        | 3           | 3:35            |
| J. Cole, "Middle Child"  | 2019        | 1           | 3:33            |
| Lil Baby and Gunna, "Drip Too Hard"                              | 2019        | 1           | 2:25            |
| Lil Tecca, "Ransom"  | 2019        | 1           | 2:11            |
| Drake ft. Rick Ross, "Money in the Grave"                        | 2019        | 1           | 3:25            |
| Lil Nas X, "Panini"  | 2019        | 3           | 1:54            |
| Blueface, "Thotiana"   | 2019        | 1           | 2:09            |
| Juice Wrld, "Lucid Dreams"                                       | 2019        | 1           | 3:59            |
| Ed Sheeran ft. Khalid, "Beautiful People"                        | 2019        | 1           | 3:17            |
| Calboy, "Envy Me"  | 2019        | 1           | 2:00            |
| Panic! at the Disco, "Hey Look Ma, I Made It"                    | 2019        | 1           | 2:49            |
| Lil Baby and DaBaby, "Baby"                                      | 2019        | 1           | 2:22            |

**Table 5: Two-Chorus Songs from *Billboard Charts*  
2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019  
(Sorted by Type)**

| <b>Type 1 Songs</b>   | <b>Type 1 Songs (continued)</b>                          |
|---|--|
| Drake, "Headlines" (2011)   | Benny Blanco (etc.), "Eastside" (2019)                   |
| Anna Kendrick, "Cups" ("When I'm Gone", 2013)                           | Meek Mill ft. Drake, "Going Bad" (2019)                  |
| Swedish House Mafia ft. John Martin, "Don't You Worry Child" (2013)     | J. Cole, "Middle Child" (2019)                           |
| Mariah Carey ft. Miguel, "#Beautiful" (2013)                            | Lil Baby and Gunna, "Drip Too Hard" (2019)               |
| Fetty Wap, "Trap Queen" (2015)  | Lil Tecca, "Ransom" (2019)                               |
| Skrillex and Diplo (Jack Ü) ft. Justin Bieber, "Where Are Ü Now" (2015) | Drake ft. Rick Ross, "Money in the Grave" (2019)         |
| Fetty Wap feat. Monty, "My Way" (2015)                                  | Blueface, "Thotiana" (2019)                              |
| Sia, "Chandelier" (2015)  | Juice Wrld, "Lucid Dreams" (2019)                        |
| Drake, "Back to Back" (2015)  | Ed Sheeran ft. Khalid, "Beautiful People" (2019)         |
| Kendrick Lamar, "HUMBLE!" (2017)  | Calboy, "Envy Me" (2019)                                 |
| Kygo and Selena Gomez, "It Ain't Me" (2017)                             | Panic! at the Disco, "Hey Look Ma, I Made It" (2019)     |
| Kyle ft. Lil Yachty, "iSpy" (2017)                                      | Lil Baby and DaBaby, "Baby" (2019)                       |
| Rihanna, "Love on the Brain" (2017)                                     | <b>Type 2 Songs</b>                                      |
| Animé, "Caroline" (2017)  | Avicii, "Wake Me Up" (2013)                              |
| Zay Hilfigerrr & Zayion McCall, "Juju on That Beat (TZ Anthem)" (2017)  | Calvin Harris ft. Florence Welch, "Sweet Nothing" (2013) |
| Drake, "Passionfruit" (2017)  | Ylvis, "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" (2013)         |
| Calvin Harris (etc.), "Slide" (2017)                                    | Childish Gambino, "Redbone" (2017)                       |
| Playboi Carti, "Magnolia" (2017)  | <b>Type 3 Songs</b>                                      |
| Hailee Steinfeld & Grey ft. Zed, "Starving" (2017)                      | Beyoncé, "7/11" (2015)                                   |
| Gucci Mane ft. Drake, "Both" (2017)                                     | DRAM ft. Lil Yachty, "Broccoli" (2017)                   |
| XXXTentacion, "Look at Me!" (2017)                                      | Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper, "Shallow" (2019)           |
| Post Malone and Swae Lee, "Sunflower" (2019)                            | Lil Nas X, "Panini" (2019)                               |
| Post Malone, "Wow" (2019)   |  |

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