



MTO 23.4 Examples: Neidhöfer, Review of Adorno

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Figure 1. Adorno’s five Darmstadt lecture cycles

Year	Title of lecture series, number of lectures	Subsequent reworking (and English translation where available)
1955	“Der junge Schönberg” (“The Young Schoenberg”), 3 lectures	N/A
1956	“Schönbergs Kontrapunkt” (“Schoenberg’s Counterpoint”), 4 lectures	Adorno (1957) 1978 (Adorno [1957] 1999)
1957	“Kriterien der neuen Musik” (“Criteria of New Music”), 4 lectures	Adorno 1958 (abridged version), Adorno (1959) 1978 (Adorno [1959] 1999)
1961	“Vers une musique informelle,” 2 lectures	Adorno 1962, Adorno (1963) 1978 (Adorno [1963] 1998)
1966	“Funktion der Farbe in der Musik” (“Function of Timbre in Music”), 3 lectures	Adorno 1999

Example 1. Schoenberg, op. 2, no. 1, “Erwartung,” neighbor chord motion in piano of m. 1

Example 2. Schoenberg's neighbor chord

Musical notation for Example 2, showing a grand staff with two treble clefs. The upper staff contains a chord with notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The lower staff contains a chord with notes Bb3, C4, and D4. A brace on the left groups both staves.

Example 3. "Dominant 65 chord" (transcribed from recording)

Musical notation for Example 3, showing a grand staff with two treble clefs. The upper staff contains a chord with notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The lower staff contains a chord with notes Bb3, C4, and D4. A brace on the left groups both staves.

Example 4. Wagner, *Götterdämmerung*, Act 3, scene 1, neighbor-chord motion

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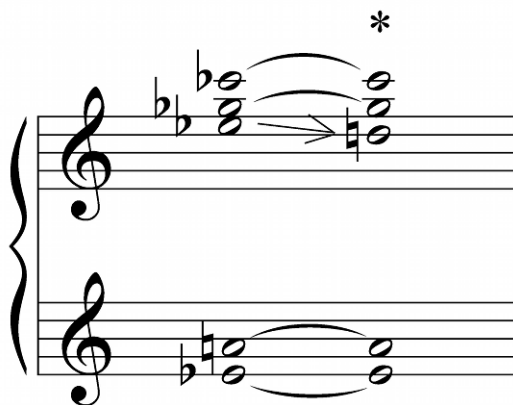
"Sieg - fried!"

Musical notation for Example 4, showing a grand staff with a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The upper staff has two chords: the first with notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5 and the second with notes G4, A4, B4, C5. The lower staff has two notes: Bb3 and C4. A brace on the left groups both staves. The text "Sieg - fried!" is written between the staves.

Example 5. Quartal harmony (transcribed from recording)



Example 6a. Adorno's derivation of Schoenberg's neighbor chord (*) from a "dominant 65 chord," illustrated



Example 6b. Adorno's derivation of Schoenberg's neighbor chord (*) from quartal harmony, illustrated



Example 7. Adorno's comparison of Schoenberg's chord from m. 42 of *Verklärte Nacht* op. 4 (a) with quartal harmony (b) (transcribed from recording)

Example 8. Adorno's illustration of how Schoenberg could have sequenced the first-violin melody in mm. 34–35 of *Verklärte Nacht* (a), but chose not to do so (b) (transcribed from recording)

Example 9. *Verklärte Nacht*, mm. 75–76, first violin

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