

## MTO 24.2 Examples: Rifkin, Visualizing Peter: The First Animated Adaptations of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*

(Note: audio, video, and other interactive examples are only available online)  
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Example 1. Peter's Theme from Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, op. 67, mm. 1–8

### Peter's Theme

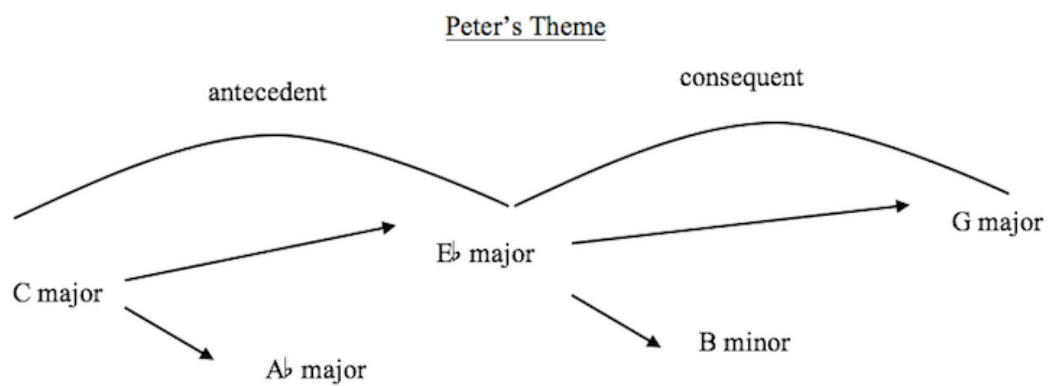
antecedent phrase

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parallel consequent phrase

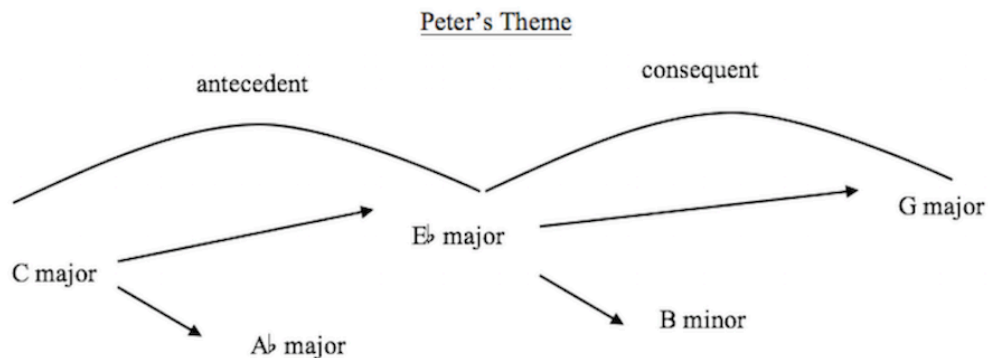
C major: I VI III V

**Example 2.** Key Areas of Peter's Theme and Keys Used to Introduce Characters



Character	Key First Introduced
Peter	C major
Bird	C major
Duck	A♭ major
Grandfather	B minor
Cat	G major
<i>Wolf</i>	<i>G minor</i>

**Example 3.** Keys of Characters in Prokofiev's (1936), Disney's (1946) and Soyuzmultfilm's (1958) *Peter and the Wolf*



**PROKOFIEV (1936)**

Character (in order of appearance)	Key First Introduced
Peter	C major
Bird	C major
Duck	A $\flat$ major
Grandfather	B minor
Cat	G major
<i>Wolf</i>	<i>G minor</i>

**DISNEY (1946)**

Character (in order of appearance)	Key First Introduced
Wolf	G minor
Grandfather	B minor
Peter	D $\flat$ major (!!)
Bird	C major
Duck	A $\flat$ major
Cat	C major

**SOYUZMULTFILM (1958)**

Character (in order of appearance)	Key First Introduced
Peter	C major
Bird	C major
Wolf	G minor
Grandfather	B minor
Duck	A $\flat$ major
Cat	A major (!!)

**Example 4.** Peter's Theme as a Grand March in the Final Procession of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, rehearsal 44

"Leading the way in front of everyone marched Peter"

**44**

Winds  
*mf*

Horns (Peter)  
*mf ben tenuto, energico*

Timpani  
*mp*

Violin and Viola  
*mf*

Violoncello  
*mf*

Bass and Bassoon  
*mf*

**Example 5.** Grandfather and Cat Themes in the Final Procession of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, rehearsal 48

"And winding up the procession, Grandfather and the Cat. Grandfather tossed his head grumpily, "Well, and if Peter hadn't caught the Wolf? What then?"

**48**

Clarinet (Cat)  
*mf con eleganza*

Bassoon (Grandfather)  
*f*

Vlns and Vla  
*pizz.*

Violoncello  
*pizz.*  
*mp*

Cl.  
*mp*

Bsn.  
*f*

Vlns, Vla  
*col legno*  
*p*

Vc.  
*mf*  
*mp*