

Endings - Definitions and Examples

Here's the list of types of song endings along with examples of songs and direct URLs to the YouTube videos:

1. Abrupt Ending

Definition: The song ends suddenly without warning, often leaving the listener with a sense of surprise.

Examples:

"I Want You (She's So Heavy)" by The Beatles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nC5PXJViNGg>

"Dancing with Myself" by Billy Idol

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FG1NrQYXjLU>

2. Fade-Out

Definition: The song gradually decreases in volume until it becomes inaudible, often used to extend the feeling of the music.

Examples:

"Hey Jude" by The Beatles

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_MjCqQoLLA

"Purple Rain" by Prince

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvnYmWpD_T8

3. Instrumental Outro

Definition: The song ends with a focus on instruments, often highlighting a solo or a particular section of the band.

Examples:

"Hotel California" by The Eagles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqPtz5qN7HM>

"Layla" by Derek and the Dominos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th3ycKQV_4k

4. Loop Ending

Definition: The ending of the song repeats a particular phrase or chord sequence, creating a cyclical feel as it closes.

Examples:

"Hey Ya!" by OutKast

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

"Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana

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

5. Modulation Ending

Definition: The song changes key at the end, often raising the pitch to create a sense of uplift or climax.

Examples:

“I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JWTaaS7LdU>

“Livin' on a Prayer” by Bon Jovi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDK9QqIzhwk>

6. Resolving Chord Ending

Definition: The song ends on a final, resolving chord that provides a sense of closure.

Examples:

“Let It Be” by The Beatles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDYfEBY9NM4>

“Imagine” by John Lennon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkgkThdzX-8>

7. Reprise Ending

Definition: The song ends by repeating a key section or chorus, often with added intensity or variation.

Examples:

“Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ9rUzIMcZQ>

“November Rain” by Guns N’ Roses

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SbUC-UaAxE>

8. Sudden Silence Ending

Definition: The song abruptly stops, often creating a dramatic or startling effect.

Examples:

“A Day in the Life” by The Beatles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usNsCeOV4GM>

“Paranoid Android” by Radiohead

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

9. Unresolved Ending

Definition: The song ends on a chord or note that doesn’t resolve, leaving the listener with a sense of ambiguity or tension.

Examples:

“A Day in the Life” by The Beatles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usNsCeOV4GM>

“Karma Police” by Radiohead

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBH97ma9YiI>

10. Vocal Outro

Definition: The song ends with vocals, often acapella or with minimal instrumental backing, to emphasize the lyrics or message.

Examples:

“Yesterday” by The Beatles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrgmdOz227I>

“Blackbird” by The Beatles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Man4Xw8Xypo>