5.13 Sonata Form Examples


Muzio Clementi, Sonatina in G Major, first movement (p. 161)

*Form: Sonatina ("diet" sonata)*

**Exposition (1-23)**

First theme (1-8)
- modulating contrasting period – G: [-4-]IAC D: [-4-]PAC

Second theme (9-20)
- parallel period – D: [-6-]IAC [-6-]PAC

Codetta (20-22) - confirms D (=V of G) as local tonic

**Development (23-36) of first theme**

23-26 Development of mm. 1-4, r.h. (23-26 r.h. derived from mm. 1-4)
26-28 Development of m. 3, right hand
29-35 Development of mm. 2 and 3, r.h.
32-36 RETRAN SiON  – Note dominant pedal point.
36 HC in G

**Recapitulation (37-56)**

First theme (37-44)
- contrasting period – G: [-4-]IAC [-4-]PAC

Second theme *NOW IN TONIC KEY* (45-56)
- contrasting period – G: [-6-]IAC [-6-]PAC

**Codetta (56-58≈20-22)** - confirms G as final key (“once a codetta, always a codetta”)

**Coda (58-59)** - confirms G as final key
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Sonata in Bb K. 333, I (p. 175)

Exposition (1-63)
First theme group (1-10)
contrasting period – Bb: [-4-]IAC [-6-]PAC (mm. 8-9 are a precadential extension)

transition (11-22) F (=V/Bb): [-4-]IAC [-4-]HC? [-4-]HC

Second theme group (23-38)
parallel double period – F: [-4-]IAC [-4-]HC [-4-]IAC [-4-]PAC

Third theme group (39-50)
period w/repeated and varied consequent – F: [-4-]IAC [-4-]PAC [-4-]PAC

Codetta (51-63) – reinforces V as temporary focal harmony – F:[-4-]PAC [-5-]PAC [-4-]PAC
54-57=50-54; 58 is “extra”

Development (64-93)
64-71 Development of first theme group (first motive) and group 3 (m. 65); cadence @70-71 is from 53-54. F→g→: [-4-]HC in g→ [-4-]PAC in f-
72-81 Development of mainly second group materials (cf. m.72, bt. 3, RH & m.30, bt 3-4, LH)
moves through c→ (72-75), Bb (76-78), g→ (79-81); strong HC at 81
81-93 Development of group 2 materials; V/g→ (81-86) moves to V/Bb for retransition (87-93)
NOTE Ger+6, mm. 80, 82, 84

Recapitulation (94-152)
First theme group (94-103=1-10)

transition (104-118≈11-22) transition materials from 11-22 now altered to end on V/Bb

Second theme group (119-134≈23-38, transposed ↓ 5th to Bb)

Third theme group (135-152≈39-50)
Group three, ↓ 5th to Bb; 135-142≈39-46, but 47-49 now replaced by nine measures of pre-cadential extension (143-151) that includes tonicizations of g minor (prominent in Development)
PAC in 152 initiates Codetta

Codetta (153-165≈51-63, except 158≠56)
Codetta materials now transposed ↓ 5th to confirm Bb as final tonic.
Remember, “once a codetta, always a codetta.”