

Pop Song Form

Most pop songs follow a similar form.

Each section can be broken down into the following parts

<u>Song part</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
Intro	Beginning of a song	Can have chord progression from verse or chorus in it.
Verse	Repeated section	New words every time. Tells a story.
Pre-chorus	Repeated section	Comes before chorus.
Chorus	Repeated section	Same words every time. Name of song in it.
Bridge	Non-repeated towards the end	Instrumental solo, new chord progression.
Ending	End of a song	Crescendo, fade out, stop, or hit and hold.

Sample pop song

Prechorus before chorus doesn't have to always happen →

Intro chorus progression 2 times through 4 measure phrase

Verse *4 x 4 measure phrase*

Prechorus *2 x 2 measure phrase*

Chorus *2 x 4 measure phrase*

Verse *4 x 4 measure phrase*

Prechorus *2 x 2 measure phrase*

Chorus *2 x 4 measure phrase*

Bridge *4 x 4 measure phrase*

Quite chorus is also called a **down chorus** →

Chorus *Quite 2 x 4 measure phrase*

Chorus *2 x 4 measure phrase*

Ending *Fade out chorus progression 2 x 4 measure phrase*