# Ternary Form - Cheat Sheet

**Ternary Form** is a 3-section form (ABA').  It is different from rounded binary in that the B theme feels like its own section rather than just a digression.  This is usually accomplished through use of a different key, different character to the music, changes in accompaniment, etc.

**Simple Ternary** is ABA'
In **Compound Ternary,** each section has its own form (often binary).  An example would be a minuet/trio from a symphony (e.g. AB|CD|AB)...this is not the only option, however.

### Example of Simple Ternary



change in key (to minor) and accompaniment make this feel like a complete section, meaning ternary rather than rounded binary.



### Example of Compound Ternary

‖: AB :‖    ‖: CD :‖    AB