

"Water Music" - A ROYAL APOLOGY

The Good News: George Frederic Handel got a job working for Prince George in Germany.

The Bad News: Handel wasn't satisfied and wanted to go travel to England and play his music for the people there.

The Good News: Prince George let him go to England.

The Bad News: Prince George told Handel that he was only allowed to stay in England for a short time.

The Good News: Handel LOVED England and was offered a job by Queen Anne! He accepted, even though he was supposed to be working for Prince George...

The Bad News: Prince George sent messengers to tell him to come back to Germany, but Handel disobeyed the orders and stayed in England.

The REALLY Bad News: Queen Anne of England died!

The REALLY, REALLY Bad News: In a bizarre twist of events, Prince George was asked to be the new King of England. Uh-oh - Handel was in trouble!

The Good News: Handel cleverly composed the "Water Music" as a special surprise for the new King. 50 musicians played it for the King, as they floated down the Thames River on big boats.

The REALLY Good News: King George LOVED the music so much that he made the musicians play it 3 times - for a total of 3 hours! (Those musicians must have been exhausted!)

The REALLY, REALLY Good News: King George forgave Handel for leaving Germany and let him stay in England. He even offered Handel more money! Whew!



George Frederic Handel

1685 - 1759 ~ Baroque Period



Sonata Form

Introduce the theme, then repeat it.
The middle part is completely different,
then you return to the theme!

AABA

Color the "A's" red
and the "B" blue.

Handel was born in
Germany. **Color
Germany red.**

He traveled to
England and became
famous there. **Color
England green.**

The "Water Music" was
played on the Thames
River. **Color the
Thames River blue.**

