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**Directions:** Use this worksheet to answer questions related to the project. If you need more space, use the back of this page or another sheet of paper.

## Investigate Layers of Sound

### Section 1 Examine 7/4 Meter

Unlike some music composed in 7/4, the instrumental parts of this song were created to make the 7/4 time signature sound smooth. Because of this, a listener may be completely unaware of the unusual meter. Describe your initial reaction to the piece. Was the unusual meter of this piece immediately apparent to you? Why or why not?

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### Section 2 Sing a Song in 7/4 Meter

How would you describe the "feel" of this song? What might be happening visually if this song was used in a movie or music video? What performance techniques would be appropriate for the song?

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### Section 3 Examine Musical Parts

After listening to the three arrangements, complete this chart.

	Does this version contain the guitar layer?	Does this version contain the piano layer?	If the bass part enters at measure 1, at which measure does the ride cymbal enter?	How complex is the overall sound, determined by how the different layers interact? 1. not complex 2. somewhat complex 3. very complex	Does the level of complexity appeal to you?
Arrangement 1					
Arrangement 2					
Arrangement 3					

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**Performance Activity**

Circle your chosen Performance Activity.

Songwriting

Vocal

Instrumental

Write a brief self-reflection of your completed work. Evaluate what you learned about layers in music and unusual meters.

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Did the 7/4 time signature make the music more interesting as you began to understand its rhythmic organization? Why or why not?

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Based on what you have learned about layers of music, what other instrumental parts might you add to this song? Explain why they would complement the song.

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