

TABLE 1: Aria Forms in the 18th Century

1.a Five-part da capo sections												
sections	A		A'		B		da capo (A, A')					
thematic	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo						
poetic lines		a		b (a')		x						
tonal plan	{ 1	1-2, 3-4	{ 1	1-2, 3-4		5-8						
	{ i	1-V	{ i	1-III		related keys						
						related keys						
1.b Da capo al segno sections												
sections	A		A'		B		da capo al segno (A, A')					
thematic	tutti	♩ solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	♩				
poetic lines		a		b (a')		x						
tonal plan	{ 1	1-2, 3-4	{ 1	1-2, 3-4		5-8						
	{ i	1-V	{ i	1-III		related keys						
						related keys						
1.c Dal segno sections												
sections	A		A'		B		either		dal segno (A') (A'') dal segno <sup>2</sup>			
thematic	tutti	solo	tutti	♩ solo ♩	tutti	solo	tutti	♩	or	(solo)		
poetic lines		a		b (a')		x				(a, b, c)		
tonal plan	{ 1	1-2, 3-4	{ 1	1-2, 3-4		5-8				(1-2)		
	{ i	1-V	{ i	1-III		related keys				(-I <sup>1</sup> )		
						related keys				(-i <sup>1</sup> )		
2.a Through-composed, compound ternary, compound return sections												
sections	A		A'		B		A''		A''			
thematic	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo		
poetic lines		a		b (a')		x			a (c)	b (c, d)		
tonal plan	{ 1	1-4	{ 1	1-4		5-8			1-4	1-4		
	{ i	1-V	{ i	V		related or V			-I <sup>1</sup>	I		
		i-III		III		related or III			-i <sup>1</sup>	i		
2.b Through-composed, compound ternary, compressed return sections												
sections	A		A'		B		A''					
thematic	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti			
poetic lines		a		b (a')		x			a (c)			
tonal plan	{ 1	1-4	{ 1	1-4		5-8			1-4			
	{ i	1-V	{ i	V		related or V			-I <sup>1</sup>			
		i-III		III		related or III			-i <sup>1</sup>			
2.c Simple ternary sections												
sections	A		B		A'							
thematic	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti					
poetic lines		a		x		a (b)						
tonal plan	{ 1	1-4	{ 1	5-8		1-4						
	{ i	1-V	{ i	related or V		-I <sup>1</sup>						
		i-III		related or III		-i <sup>1</sup>						
3 Compound binary (with stretta) sections												
sections	A		B		A'		B'		(C)		(C') <sup>3</sup>	
thematic	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	solo	tutti	(solo tutti)	(solo tutti)	
poetic lines		a		b		a (c)			b (c, d)	(c, d, e)	(c, d, e)	
tonal plan	{ 1	1-4	{ 1	5-8		1-4			5-8	5-8 (9-12)	5-8 (9-12) <sup>4</sup>	
	{ i	1-V	{ i	V		-I <sup>1</sup>			I	(I)		
		i-III		III		-i <sup>1</sup>			i	(i or I)		

<sup>1</sup> The return to tonic is variable but usually near the beginning of the section.

<sup>2</sup> The placement of the ♩ varies; it may be at the beginning of A' or within it (the beginning of A' is often rewritten following the B section, becoming A'').

<sup>3</sup> An additional section in a faster tempo may be added, as in the rondò.

<sup>4</sup> Texts of variable length, either new or extracts from lines 1 to 8.

NB: tutti sections may not always be present.

(Mitridate, Mozart). The form with the compound return is close in tonal and thematic plan to both the contemporary instrumental sonata-form pattern and the classical concerto form in which the double exposition

and ritornellos parallel those in the aria. Here the first solo moves to the dominant or major mediant, the second presents new material in the newly established key, in which it closes, and the middle section provides

