## The Introductory Dominant: Addressing the Paradox of "Before-the-Beginning" Dominant Prolongation

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- 1) prolonged emphasis on the dominant harmony
- 2) occurs at the beginning of a movement, prior to any themes or cadences



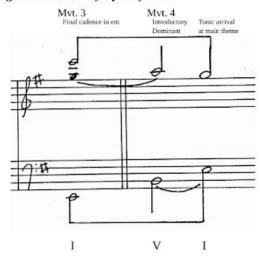


Figure 2. Beethoven Symphony No. 7

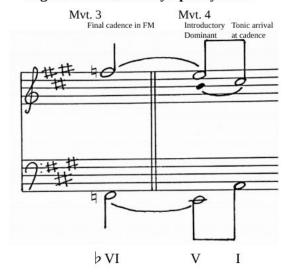


Figure 3. Schumann, Carnaval

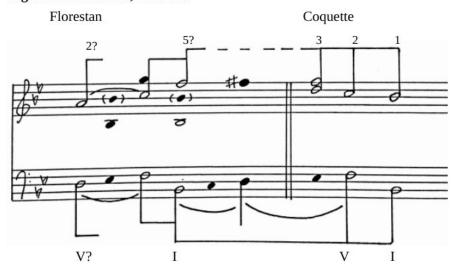
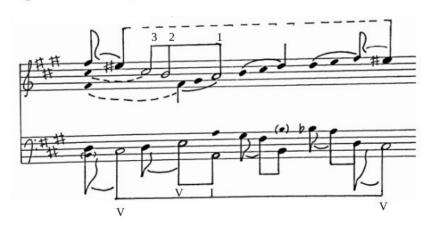


Figure 4. Schumann, "Im wunderschönen monat mai" from Dichterliebe



"Im wundershönen Monat Mai" by Heinrich Heine, trans. Hal Draper

In May, the magic month of May,
When all the buds were springing,
Into my heart the burning
Bright arrow of love came winging.

In May, the magic month of May, When all the birds were singing, I told her of my yearning, My longing and heart-wringing.

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