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Monday Music Memo 24 – 4 September 2023

Spring started 4 days ago.

110 years ago Igor Stravinsky wrote *Le Sacre du printemps*. It was premiered in Paris on the 29th of May 1913.

As a ballet and orchestral concert it caused a sensation.

And you have all heard some of the music!



If you have data restrictions listen to the first few minutes, it is worthwhile.

The Rite of Spring consists of two parts – *Adoration of the Earth* and *The Sacrifice*.

Part 1 content

Introduction	Before the curtain rises, an orchestral introduction resembles, according to Stravinsky, "a swarm of spring pipes".
Augurs of Spring	The celebration of spring begins in the hills. An old woman enters and begins to foretell the future.
Ritual of Abduction	Young girls arrive from the river, in single file. They begin the "Dance of the Abduction".
Spring Rounds	The young girls dance the <i>Khorovod</i> , the "Spring Rounds".
Ritual of the Rival Tribes	The people divide into two groups in opposition to each other, and begin the "Ritual of the Rival Tribes".
Procession of the Sage: The Sage	A holy procession leads to the entry of the wise elders, headed by the Sage who brings the games to a pause and blesses the earth.
Dance of the Earth	The people break into a passionate dance, sanctifying and becoming one with the earth.

Part 2 content

Mystic Circles of the Young Girls	The young girls engage in mysterious games, walking in circles.
Glorification of the Chosen One	One of the young girls is selected by fate, being twice caught in the perpetual circle, and is honoured as the "Chosen One" with a martial dance.
Evocation of the Ancestors	In a brief dance, the young girls invoke the ancestors.
Ritual Action of the Ancestors	The Chosen One is entrusted to the care of the old wise men.
Sacrificial Dance	The Chosen One dances to death in the presence of the old men, in the great "Sacrificial Dance".

Music: Le Sacre du printemps – The Rite of Spring

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XyTWt82XQM&t=56s>

33.55 minutes

Ballet: If you are interested in ballet then watch one of them. They are spectacular.

(For example, The Rite of Spring - Ballets Russes: <https://youtu.be/YOZmIYgYzG4>
42.02 minutes)