

Lingering

Noun

To Linger *verb (i)*

1. to remain or stay on in a place longer than is usual or expected, as if from reluctance to leave it.
2. Also, **linger on**. to remain alive; continue or persist, although tending to cease or disappear: *hope lingers*.
3. to dwell in contemplation, thought, or enjoyment.
4. to be tardy in action; delay; dawdle.
5. to walk slowly; to saunter along. –*verb (t)*
6. to drag out or protract.

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Speaker's commentary

To linger is to hover. It is a moment sustained in time. Often it is associated with the concept of beauty, or life itself, hence the reason for *Lingering* being included here. We linger when we don't want to leave. A musically simple way to represent this is with a drone and its use of a continuously sustained tone or chord. But drones can be more complex through the use of a repeating figure or texture over which, or within, there is a melody freely hovering and pirouetting. The key is in the creation of a temporal space acting as a safe reliable musical backdrop that does not dominate, but supports. Time here is a container, enabling things to happen. As long as this is happening, the music can linger forever, or rather, stay "in the zone".

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