Linking Latinx and American Music

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Early Years

• 1950’s-1970’s
• Mostly Blues or Jazz-like traits
• Large shift beginning in the 1970’s
• i.e.: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPlsqo2bk2M
Musical Shift in the 1970’s

- Largely credited to Santana & Paul Simon
- Large cultural contribution
- Beginning of new music style
- Rhythmic emphasis
- Celebratory themes
- Dance focused style
- Lyrical and melodic repetition

Example of a traditional habanera 21:30
Examples

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoIqXz2AlFs
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgYuLsudaJQ
Today’s Music

• Focused on dance and repetition
• Shifting towards upbeat, celebratory themes
• Habanera style rhythmic patterns

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References


