

“Oh, My Love” Analysis

Oh, My Love starts in the key of A^b minor:

- By the end of measure (m.) 2, you'll have a $\downarrow V^7/ii$ chord (A^b C E^b G^b). (The \downarrow symbol before the V^7 indicates that the V^7 chord is a quartertone lower than is usual for the resolution to the destination key.)
- In mm. 2-3, the key of A \downarrow minor is never truly established, because the progression doesn't include the i chord (A \downarrow C \downarrow E \downarrow) of the new key. Next, the $\downarrow V^7$ (E \downarrow G⁺ B \downarrow D \downarrow) resolves to the i chord (A C E) in A minor. Then, the A minor chord immediately transforms into a $\downarrow V^7/ii$ chord (A C[#] E G) resolving to the iv chord (D \downarrow F \downarrow A \downarrow) in the key of A \downarrow minor in m. 5.
- The ⁺Sub V^7/ii (E \downarrow G⁺ B \downarrow D \downarrow) has the tritones resolve in the opposite direction from this chord's normal resolution. (For more on Sub V^7 chords read: <https://successmusicstudio.com/how-to-unlock-music-key-changes-with-modulation/>.)
- The next phrase repeats the same modulations again until you get to a ⁺ V^7 (E^b G D^b) chord. (The ⁺ symbol before the V^7 indicates that the V^7 chord is a quartertone higher than is usual for the resolution to the destination key.) This seventh chord brings us to the key of A \downarrow minor in m. 12.
- In m. 13, a $\downarrow V^7$ (E \downarrow G \downarrow B \downarrow D \downarrow) leads the song back to the key of A^b minor, repeating from m. 2 (the second verse).