

## **Toccata spirito (Alexander)**

What does the title mean?

Toccata means to touch and refers to a keyboard piece with quick precise fingerwork. Spirito means spirited - this is the character of the work.

What key is this in?

Section A

C major bar 1 alternating with Bb major

Bar 5 C major

Bar 6 Ab major

Bar 7 F minor then Db major

Bar 8 C major

Section B

C major

Bar 9 F lydian scale

Bar 11 Eb lydian

Bar 13 Ab lydian

Bar 15 Db major scale

Bar 16 G chromatic scale

Coda alternates 5-note scales in C major, Ab major then G position of C major

What is the form of this work?

Ternary with coda

Notation:

Prestissimo - very fast

4/4 - time signature - 4 crotchet beats per bar - simple quadruple

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

staccato - short and detached

f - forte - loud

pedal - use the damper pedal

mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft

sopra - over

crescendo - gradually getting louder

pp - pianissimo - very soft

ff - fortissimo - very loud

tenuto - hold the note for its full value

martellato - hammered - strong accent