

Banjo Tune - by Mike Schoenmehl

What does banjo tune mean?

A banjo is an instrument like a guitar. A tune is a melody. This piece is trying to imitate a melody that would be played on a banjo (usually upbeat/happy and fast).

What key is this in?

C major. Bars 3-4 Eb major. Bar 5 back to C major. Bar 10 Bb major, Bar 14, Eb major, Bar 16 Ab major. Then back to C major

Notation:

Metronome marking 126 crotchets/minute

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

Repeat signs - repeat the section

First and second time endings

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Staccato - short and detached

Triplet - 3 notes in the time of 2

Swung quavers

f - forte - loud

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Fermata - pause - hold the notes longer than written

Pedal mark - use the damper pedal

Slur - smoothly connect the notes

Accent - > - play the note loudly