

Arabesque by Burgmuller

What is an arabesque?

Florid type of Arabian architecture. In music it's a florid type of melody (intricate).

What key is this piece in?

A minor

Notation:

Allegro – fast and lively

116 crotchets per minute (speed)

dim e poco rit – diminuendo and poco ritardando or ritenuto – gradually softer and slower
a tempo – return to original speed

2/4 – time signature – 2 crotchet beats per bar

pause sign – fermata – hold the notes for longer than the value

sfz – sforzando – sudden accent, play with force

accent sign – emphasize the note

lines below and above the staff – called ledger lines

p – piano = soft

cresc. – crescendo = gradually getting louder

mf – mezzo forte = moderately loud

staccato – short and detached

slurs – legato – smooth and well connected

tenuto – hold for full length (soft accent)

tie – tie the notes together (combine the note values)

Need to know note names (pitch) and note values (rhythm) including rests.