

Cello Solo (Lang)

What does the title mean?

The cello is a stringed instrument with a wide range and sonorous qualities. This piece is meant to sound like the LH is a cello soloist and the RH is the orchestral accompaniment.

What is the key of this piece?

G minor but ends in G major (Tierce de picadi)

Key changes: moves chromatically through different keys eg bar 7 Eb major, bar 8 Bb minor, but this is transient.

Notation:

Andante maestoso - walking pace, majestic

ben marcato il canto - much marked and singing LH

tenuto - stress the note by holding for full value

staccato - short and detached (when combined with a tenuto sign, this means mezzo staccato)

slur - play legato - smoothly

crescendo - gradually getting louder

accent - stress the note by playing it louder

tie - hold the note for the combined value

diminuendo - gradually getting softer

f - forte - loud

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft

p - piano - soft

rall. - rallentando - gradually slow the speed

pp - pianissimo - very soft

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