

Sonatina in C Op 36 No 3 1st movement by Clementi

What does the title mean?

A sonatina is a little sonata. Sonata means 'to sound' and is a piece for instrument. Sonatas and sonatinas usually have multiple movements - this piece is the first movement of 3. Op means opus or work number.

What key is this in?

Opening - C major
Bar 13 modulates to G major (dominant of C major)
Bar 27 modulates to C major
Bar 46 G major
Bar 49 C major

Notation:

Spiritoso - spirited
C - common time - 4/4 - simple quadruple, 4 crotchet beats in each bar
F - forte - loud
Slur - play legato
Staccato - short and detached
Cresc. - crescendo - gradually getting louder
Dolce - sweetly
Appoggiatura - type of ornament - an added non-chord note in a melody that is resolved to the regular note of the chord
Tr - trill - type of ornament - rapidly alternate between two notes
P - piano - soft
Ff - fortissimo - very loud
Pp - pianissimo - very soft
Dim. - diminuendo - gradually getting softer
Repeat sign - repeat the section