

Clockwork Doll (Shostakovich) - 20th century

What does the title mean?

A clockwork doll is a doll with wind-up clock-like mechanism to make it move. This is a piece written for children or memories of childhood.

What key is this in?

B minor (no A# is used, so really is B aeolian)

Modulations

Bar 13 F mixolydian

Bar 17 to 21 moves between G major and G aeolian

Bar 22-23 G# minor

Bar 24-25 G major

Bar 26 B aeolian

Notation:

simple duple time signature

Allegretto - a little fast and lively

p - piano -soft

ties - hold the note for the combined value

slurs - play legato (smooth and well-connected)

staccato - short and detached

f - forte - loud

diminuendo - gradually getting softer

accent > - stress the note

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud