

Etude No 32 S157 by Hummel

What does the title mean?

Etude is the French word for 'study'. A study in music is a piece that helps develop technique. This study works on arpeggios in the RH and sharing musical material evenly between hands. This study is from Hummel's "Comprehensive theoretical and practical instruction in piano playing".

What key is this in?

A minor

Are there any key changes?

Bar 7 C major

Bar 10 E major, leading to A minor

Bar 19 little bit of D minor

Notation:

Allegro - fast and lively

3/4 - time signature - simple triple - 3 crotchet beats per bar

Slur - play smoothly

Staccato - short and detached

P - piano - soft

Staccato with Tenuto - mezzo staccato - moderately short and detached

Simile - similar - carry on the articulation the same way

Crescendo. - gradually getting louder

F - forte - loud

Pedal - use the damper pedal (last bar)

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Double bar line - the end

Ledger line - extends the stave

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat