

Fable by Robert Muczynski

What does the title mean?

A fable is a story with a moral lesson (eg Aesop's fables). This fable is adventurous sounding and ends positively with a major chord.

What key is this in?

D Dorian (all white keys, D to D, sounds sort of minor). There are some key shifts in bars 5 (Ab), bar 6 (Cb). Bars 9 to 18 goes between A aeolian and Bb Lydian - changing every bar. Bar 19 returns to D Dorian and finishes on a D major chord.

Notation:

Allegro - fast and lively

Metronome marking - 190 to 200 quavers per minute

5/8 - 5 quaver beats per bar

3+2 - count 123 12 each bar

Senza pedale - without damper pedal

> - accent - marcato - play the note loudly

Staccato - short and detached

Slur - smoothly connected

Simile - continue in a similar way

Sempre staccato - always staccato

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Cantabile - singing style

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Sharp - raise the note a semiton

Subito f - suddenly loud

Tenuto - stress the note by holding for its full value

ff - fortissimo - very loud

Pedal mark - use the damper pedal

Allargando - broadening (getting louder and slower)

Tie - hold the note for combined value