

Fascinating Rhythm (Gershwin, arr. Duro)

What does the title mean?

The title refers to the lyrics from the song. The lyrics are about rhythm and this is reflected in the syncopated, changing accents rhythm of the piece.

What key is this in?

Eb major

Key change bar 17 to C minor (relative minor)

Returns to Eb major bar 21

Brief C minor bar 31

Notation:

Fairly bright - character/tempo needs to be cheerful

Metronome marking - 80 minims per minute

Quaver = triplet marking - swing the quavers

Cut common time - 2 minim beats per bar - simple duple

f - forte - loud

slur - play smoothly

marcato accent > - stress the note by playing loudly

natural - remove flat or sharp

flat - lower the note by a semitone

sharp - raise the note by a semitone

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

tie - hold the note for combined values of notes under the tie

sub. mp - subito mezzo piano - suddenly moderately soft

crescendo - gradually getting louder

1st and 2nd bar ending