

Giga by Samuel Arnold

What does the title mean?

Giga is another word for jig. A jig is a lively dance in compound duple time (6/8) from the Baroque period (sailors dance with jumps). Op. = opus - work number.

What key is this in?

C major

Notation:

Allegro con brio - fast and lively with fire/energy

6/8 - time signature - compound duple time - 6 quavers per bar

Metronome marking - between 92 and 104 dotted crotchets per minute

Ledger line - extend the stave for lower or higher notes

f - forte - loud

p - piano - soft

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Repeat sign - repeat the section/play the section again

Sharp - raise the note a semitone