In the Hall of the Mountain King (Grieg arr. Bastien)

What does the title mean?

This is a movement from the ballet suite *Peer Gynt* and so sounds dramatic. The staccato quavers give the image of tiptoeing through the hall.

What key is this in?

D minor

Bars 9 to 16 are in A major and there are chromatic passages.

Notation:

f - forte - loud

Allegro moderato - moderately fast and lively
c - common time - 4/4 - simple quadruple, 4 crotchet beats per bar
p - piano - soft
misterioso - mysteriously
staccato - short and detatched
marcato accent > - stress the note by playing it loudly
tenuto _ - hold the note for its full value (stress)
mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft
mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud
accelerando poco a poco al fine - accelerate the speed little by little until the end
cresc. - crescendo - gradually get louder