

Handel - Preludio from *Chaconne* HWV 442

What does the title mean?

A prelude is a movement that comes before a more complex movement. In the Baroque period, it is like an introduction movement.

What key is this in?

G major

Bar 6 to 8 D major

Bar 9 G major

Bar 12 D major

Bar 14 E minor

Bar 17 D major

Bar 19 G major basically to the end

Notation:

HWV - catalogue number for Handel's works

Chaconne - type of dance (this is from a suite which has other movements)

Allegro - fast and lively

Metronome marking - around 100 to 108 crotchets per minute (Handel didn't write this in)

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

Mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Staccato - short and detached

Tenuto + staccato - moderately short and detached (mezzo staccato)

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft

Cresc. - crescendo - gradually getting louder

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Sharp - raises the note a semitone

Natural - cancels the sharp or flat

Poco riten. 2da volta - a little immediately held back on the second playing

1st/2nd time ending - repeat the section. Play the first time ending on the first playing, then the second time ending on the second playing.

Slur - play smoothly