

The Entertainer (Joplin arr. Bastien)

What does the title mean?

The title is lighthearted and upbeat, pictorial in nature as are many rags by Joplin. The original publication was dedicated to James Brown and his mandolin club, so the Entertainer is an appropriate title. <http://levysheetmusic.mse.jhu.edu/catalog/levy:170.129>

Since it was published in 1902 lyrics have been set to this and the piece has been used in movies such as *The Sting*.

What key is this in?

C major.

There are no key changes but there are momentary bars of G major (indicated by the F# accidental)

Notation:

Time signature - simple duple - cut common time - 2 minim beats per bar

Moderato - moderate speed

Metronome marking 126 minims per minute

f - forte - loud

p - piano - soft

repeat signs

1st and 2nd time endings

tenuto - hold note for full value

slur - join the notes smoothly / legato

marcato accent > - stress the note by playing loudly

natural - remove flat or sharp

sharp - raise the note by a semitone

crescendo - gradually getting louder

diminuendo - gradually getting softer

staccato - play the note short and detached

segno - the sign

D.S. al Fine - go back to the sign and play to the end (fine)

Fine - finish

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

l.h. sempre staccato - left hand always staccato

8va - play an octave higher than written

Need to know notes, rests, rhythmic values