

Melody (Ivan Sings) by Khatchaturian

What does the title mean?

A melody is a tune that can be sung. This piece has long song-like lyrical phrases. 'Ivan sings' (subtitle) is from *Adventures of Ivan* which is a set of child-like pieces.

What key is this in?

C minor

Key changes: use of chromatic shifts eg bars 3 to 7

Bar 10 F minor (implied) back to C minor bar 17

Notation:

time signature - C - common time (4/4) - four crotchet beats per bar

Andantino - a little walking pace

metronome marking - 80 crotchets per minute

p - piano - soft

crescendo - gradually getting louder

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

cantabile - singing tone

tenuto - stress the note by holding for full value

rit. - ritenuto - immediately hold back the tempo

a tempo - return to original speed

con Ped. - with pedal (damper pedal)

fermata - pause - hold the note longer than written

acciaccatura - a quick note before the main note

diminuendo - gradually getting softer