

## Last Summer by Mike Cornick

What does the title mean?

The title is a character/descriptive title, evoking a feeling of sentimental memories.

What key is this in?

G minor

Modulations:

Bar 16 to F major

Bar 19 to G major

Bar 22 to A major

Bar 23 to A minor

Bar 24 to G minor

What period is this from?

Modern/20th Century

What is the style of this?

It is a bossa nova. Bossa nova is a Brazilian dance developed in the 1950s, and it literally means 'new trend'. Lyrical fusion of samba (dance) and jazz. The bossa nova can be heard in the LH rhythm and the melodic lyrical RH. Jazz chords such as major 7ths are commonly used e.g. bar 5 LH, minor 7th e.g. bar 15, and diminished 7ths e.g. bar 15. This piece uses the first bar of a typical bossa nova rhythm.

Notation:

Lento - slow

Andante - walking pace

a tempo - at speed (constant)

alla bossa nova - like the bossa nova tempo/style

mp - moderately soft

fermata - pause - hold the note longer than written

mordent - short trill (4 notes long)

cresc. - crescendo - gradually getting louder

slurs - play legato, lift at the end of the slur

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

dim. - diminuendo - gradually getting softer

staccato - short and detached

accent - stress the note by playing louder

p sub - subito piano - suddenly soft

con Ped - with damper pedal

tenuto - stress the note by holding for full value

acciaccatura - crush note - play quickly before the main note

f - forte - loud

poco rit - a little slower

calando - dying away (softer and slower)

pp - pianissimo - very soft

tie - hold the note for combined values

Structure:

Introduction - bar 1

Section A - bars 2 to 14

Section B - bars 15 to 23

Section A - bars 24 to 30

Coda - bars 31 to 33

Tonic - G minor

Sub-dominant - C minor

Dominant - D major

Relative major - Bb major