

## Minuet in G minor BWV 842 (Bach)

What does the title mean?

A minuet is a graceful French dance in triple time. This piece is from the notebook made by JS Bach for his son WF Bach.

What key is this in?

G minor

Bars 7-9 are in Bb major (the relative major)

Bars 10-13 C minor (sub-dominant minor)

Remainder is in G minor

Notation:

NB Most of the markings are editorial (Bach did not write these)

Metronome marking 80 crotchets per minute

Sempre legato e espressivo - always smooth, well-connected and expressive

3/4 - 3 crotchets per bar (simple triple time)

1st and 2nd time endings

Repeat - repeat the section

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Piano - p - soft

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Mezzo forte - mf - moderately loud

Tie - hold the notes for their combined value

Tenuto - stress the note by holding it for its full value

Pianissimo - pp - very soft

Fermata - pause - hold the note longer than written. For this piece, the sign means pause before playing the next piece and signifies the end of the piece.