

Orientale by Chaminade

What does the title mean?

The word Orientale means Eastern. This piece uses some eastern musical imagery through the chords used and for example the use of the Dorian mode.

What key is this in?

E minor with moments of E Dorian (when there's no D#). Bar 11 B minor, Bar 15 D major, Bar 17 back to E minor.

Notation:

Mouvement modere de valse - moderate movement of a waltz

3/4 - simple triple - 3 crotchets beats per bar

Mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Tenuto - hold the note for its full value

Staccato - short and detached

Slur - play legato

Staccato with a slur - mezzo staccato - moderately short and detached

Ledger lines - extends the stave

Accent - stress the note by playing it loudly

Pedal - use the damper pedal

Forte - loud

Riten. - ritenuto - immediately held back

A tempo - return to original speed

P - piano - soft

Martellato - hammered accent

Dim. - diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat