Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 by Elgar (arr. Lanning)

What does the title mean?

This work is from a set of marches by the English composer Edward Elgar. This particular march is considered patriotic by the British and is played at the Last Night at the Proms. Pomp and circumstance is about military pageantry.

A march is a musical style associated with the military. Tempo is at a guick walking pace, in duple time, often with dotted rhythms, and played by brass marching bands. This particular march is more stately.

What key is this in? C major

Notation:

Largamente - broad, slow tempo

2/4 - 2 crotchet beats per bar - simple duple

p P - piano - soft

Slur - play smoothly/legato

Pedal mark - use the damper pedal

★ Sharp - raise the note a semi tone

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

F - forte - loud

Ff - fortissimo - very loud

Rall. - rallentando - gradually getting slower Martellato accent - very loud accent

Tie - combine the note values

ρ Fermata - pause - hold the notes longer than written

Double bar line - the end