

Purcell *Hornpipe*

What is a hornpipe?

A hornpipe is an English dance for sailors, like a jig, usually accompanied by a fife (flute). It is a merry, lively dance. This piece is from the play 'The Moor's Revenge' - it would have been played during scene changes.

What is the key signature?

Bb major. In bar 5, it goes to the relative minor, G minor. It returns to Bb major in bar 9.

Notation:

Allegro - fast and lively

3/4 (time signature) - 3 crotchet beats per bar - simple triple

f - forte - loud

slurs - play legato (smooth and well-connected)

diminuendo - gradually getting softer

sharp - raise the note a semitone

p - piano - soft

crescendo - gradually getting louder