

Scherzando by Eric Baumgartner

What does the title mean?

Scherzando means a little playful. The music sounds playful because of the slurs, high pitch and running semiquavers.

What key is this in?

C major. In bars 15 to 16, the F# means the piece moves to G major, then back to C major.

Notation:

Presto - fast

Metronome marking - around 120 crotchets per minute or faster

4/4 - time signature - simple quadruple - 4 crotchet beats per bar

mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft

Leggiero - light touch

Slur - connect the notes

Staccato - short and detached

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

p - piano - soft

Tenuto - hold the note for its full value