

Schumann - Of foreign lands and people

What does the title mean?

It is a wistful piece thinking of a place far away. This is from a group of works by the Romantic German composer Schumann called Scenes from Childhood which recalls memories of being a child.

What key is this in?

This is in G major. The middle section has some E minor (relative minor) moments but quickly returns to G major.

Notation:

Andante - walking speed

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

slurs - play legato (smoothly connected)

piano - soft

pedal - damper pedal (legato pedalling)

diminuendo - gradually getting softer

repeat sign - repeat the section

ritard. - ritardando - gradually getting slower

fermata - pause - play the note longer than written

a tempo - return to the original speed

pp - pianissimo - very softly

> - accent - marcato - play the note louder

tie - tied notes - hold for the combined value of the note