

## Sizilianisch Op 68 No 11 - Robert Schumann

What does the title mean?

Sizilianisch or siciliano is a style of 6/8 music from Sicily. In the Baroque period, sicilianos were pastoral/gentle in style using dotted rhythms. This piece is roguish and so is more playful in character.

What is the key?

This is in A minor but finishes on the dominant E at bar 25. The middle section is in A minor bars 26 to 29 and then B minor bars 30 to 33, back to A minor.

Notation:

Schalkhaft (Scherzando) - playful, joke-like

6/8 - time signature - compound duple time

p - piano - soft

staccato - short and detached

slur - play legato

mezzo staccato/portato - semi-detached notes

crescendo - gradually getting louder

f - forte - loud

martellato ^ - hammered accent

fermata - pause, hold the note longer than written

Fine - finish

L'istesso tempo - at the same speed

2/4 - time signature - simple duple

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

D.C. al Fine (da capo al Fine) - return to the beginning and play to the end (Fine)

senza replica - without repeating

1st and 2nd time bar ending

acciaccatura - quick short note before the main note

accent (marcato) > - stress the note