

Soldiers in the distance

What does the title mean?

This piece uses a pictorial title, giving the image of soldiers marching in the distance. You can hear this through the soft dynamics and the steady LH marching beat.

What key is this in?

C major. There is a moment of Ab major in bar 10.

Notation:

Metronome marking 116 crochets per minute

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

ppp - piano pianissimo - very very soft

Staccato - short and detached

Pedal mark - soft/mute pedal always

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Senza rall. - without slowing down

Slur - smoothly connect the notes

Ledger lines - extends the stave

Damper pedal marks

Accent - play the note loudly

Tenuto - hold the note for its full value

Tenuto with staccato - mezzo staccato - moderately short and detached