

The Somersault King by Schoenmehl

What does the title mean?

The title is pictorial/has an image. Somersaults are acrobatic movements and you can hear this in the music through the triplets and leaping staccatos. The LH accompaniment is like a march. This piece is from a larger work called Little Stories in Jazz and this piece uses some jazz elements like blues notes.

What key is this in?

C major. There is a little bit of F major bars 9 to 13.

Notation:

Metronome marking - around 126 crotchets per minute

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

Staccato - short and detached

Tenuto - hold the note for its full value

Slur - legato - smoothly connected

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Triplet - 3 notes in the time of 2

D.C. al Coda - da capo al coda - go back to the beginning and play to Coda sign

To Coda - jump to the Coda section

Coda - a section that finishes the piece

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud