

Sonatina Op 55 No 1 by Kuhlau

What does the title mean?

A sonatina is a little sonata. Sonata means 'to sound' and is a piece written for an instrument. Op. = opus (work number).

What key is this in?

Exposition:

Bars 1 to 6 C major

Bars 7 to 20 G major (dominant)

Development:

Bars 21 to 31 C minor (parallel minor)

Recapitulation:

Bars 32 to 37 C major

Bars 39 to 41 D minor (super tonic minor)

Bars 42 to end is C major except for bar 45 F major

Notation:

Allegro - fast and lively

C - common time - 4/4 - simple quadruple - 4 crotchet beats per bar

Staccato - short and detached

Rf - rinforzando - reinforce the note by accenting it

p - piano - soft

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft

f - forte - loud

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Dolce - sweetly

Accent - play the note loudly

Slur - smoothly connect the notes - also indicates the phrasing

Repeat sign - repeat the section

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Ledger line - extends the staff for very low or high notes