

## Tarentella by Burgmuller

What does the title mean?

Tarentella is a type of dance from Italy. It comes from the Taranto area, where the tarantula spider also originates. The agitated, upbeat, twirling folk dance is said to relieve the venom from a spider bite.

What key is this in?

D minor

Bar 33 D major

Bar 50 D minor

Notation:

Allegro Vivo - fast and lively, with vigour

Metronome marking - 160 dotted crotchets per minute

6/8 - 6 quaver beats per bar - compound duple time

Staccato - short and detached

Sf - sforzando - sudden strong accent

Fermata - pause - hold longer than written

p - piano - soft

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft

f - forte - loud

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Leggiero - lightly

Acciaccatura - grace note - quick note before the main note

Slur - smoothly connect the notes

Tie - hold the notes for their combined value

Repeat sign - repeat the section

1st/2nd time endings

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

8va - play one octave higher than written

Dim. E poco riten. - diminuendo e poco ritenuto - gradually getting softer and a little immediately held back in speed

A tempo - return to original speed

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