

Albatross by Phillip Houlihan

What does the title mean?

An albatross is a large lonely seabird. The music sounds quite lonely and haunting.

What key is this in?

A minor

Notation:

Andante espressivo - walking pace and expressively

Metronome marking - 80 crotchet beats/minute

3/4 - 3 crotchet beats per bar - simple triple

mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft

Slur - smoothly connect the notes

Triplets - 3 notes in the time of 2

Pedal marking - use the damper pedal

Leger lines - extend the stave

Poco rit. - a little immediately slower

A tempo - return to original speed

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Tie - combine the note values

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

p - piano - soft