

Ballade op 100 no 15 by Burgmuller

What does the title mean?

A ballad is a song that sometimes tells a story. This piece has a dramatic story.

What key is this in and are there any key changes/modulations?

The key is C minor

There is a modulation to C major at bar 31 which is the parallel major.

Notation:

Time signature 3/8 - simple triple - 3 quavers per bar

Allegro con brio - fast and lively with spirit

Misterioso - mysteriously

p P - piano - soft

staccato Staccato - short and detached

slur Slur - legato - smooth and connected

sf Sf - sforzando - suddenly loud accent

cresc. Cresc. - crescendo - gradually getting louder

f F - forte - loud

martellato Martellato - hammered accent

dolce Dolce - sweetly

pp Pp - pianissimo - very soft

poco riten. Poco riten. - a little held back (immediately)

animato Animato - animated

diminuendo Diminuendo - gradually becoming softer

fermata fermata - pause - hold longer than the note value

8va 8va - play one octave higher than written

All rhythmical values