

Quasi adagio by Bartok

What does the title mean?

The title means 'somewhat slow'. This is the third piece from Bartok's volume 1 for children.

What key is this in?

This is in the key of A dorian (A minor with F#).

Notation:

2/4 - time signature - 2 crotchet beats per bar - simple duple time

p - piano - soft

Dolce - sweetly

Slur - play smoothly

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Tie - hold the note for their combined values

Accent - play the note loudly

Smorzando - dying away - getting softer and slower

pp - pianissimo - very soft

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Ledger lines - extends the stave

Martellato - hammered accent - very strong accent

Metronome marking - around 58 to 63 crotchets per minute