

Toy Shop Tune by Bartok

What does this title mean?

The music is telling the story of toys in a toy shop and this piece sounds like a mechanical wind-up doll or soldier (like a tin toy).

What key is this piece in?

C major

Notation:

112 crotchets per minute (speed)

Allegro – fast and lively

2/4 – time signature – 2 crotchet beats per bar

semplice – simply

piu p – a little soft

rit – ritenuto or ritardando – gradually or immediately slower

sempre legato – always smooth and well connected

p – piano = soft

cresc. – crescendo = gradually getting louder

mf – mezzo forte = moderately loud

staccato – short and detached

slurs – legato – smooth and well connected

tenuto – hold for full length (soft accent)

tie – tie the notes together (combine the note values)

Need to know note names (pitch) and note values (rhythm) including rests.