

Sonatina No 11 from 34 Sonatinas by Benda

What does the title mean?

A sonatina is a little sonata. Sonata means 'to sound' - this is a piece for instrument with multiple movements.

What key is this in?

This is in C major.

At bar 8 and 24, there is a temporary modulation to G major before returning to C major.

Notation:

Menuet - a graceful dance from France in triple time

Allegretto - a little fast and lively

Metronome marking - around 108 to 112 crotchets per minute

f - forte - loud

Slur - play smoothly

3/4 - simple triple time signature - 3 crotchet beats per minute

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Acciacatura - grace note - a quick note before the main note (type of ornament)

Triplet - three notes in the time of two

Sf - sforzando - a sudden loud note

Trill - rapidly alternate between two notes (type of ornament)

Staccato - short and detached

Variation - variation - this movement is a variation of the Menuet - the harmonic structure is the same but notes including the melody and rhythm might change