

Harmony of the Angels by Burgmuller

What does the title mean?

Harmony is when more than one note is played, and these are in consonance with each other (wider meaning). Harmony and angels - heavenly sound. The music portrays this through using primary triads (broken chords), pedal (atmosphere), one note at a time (harp-like), high range (heavenly).

Op 100 No 21 - Opus means 'work' so this is Burgmuller's 100th work and it has multiple pieces in it. This is number 21.

What key is this in?

G major

Bar 9 goes to E minor (relative minor)

Bar 17 returns to G major

Bar 27 moves through C major but back to G major for the end

Form:

ABA coda

Ternary form with a coda

Notation:

Allegro moderato - moderately fast and lively

con ped. - with pedal (damper)

armonioso - harmoniously

p - piano - soft

Metronome marking - 120 crotchets/minute or faster

cresc. - crescendo - gradually getting louder

triplets - 3 notes in the time of two

slurs - play legato - play smoothly

sf - sforzando - sudden accent

crescendo - gradually getting louder

decrescendo - gradually getting softer

1st and 2nd time endings

piu lento - more slow

dimin. e poco riten. - getting softer and a little held back (ritenuto - immediately held back)

loco - as written

8va - up an octave higher than written (ottava)

fermata - pause - hold the notes longer than written

pp - pianissimo - very soft

flat - play note semitone lower

sharp - play note semitone higher

leger lines - notes outside of stave - extends the stave

staccato - short and detached