

Elgar - Andantino - First movement from Sonatina

What does the title mean?

Andantino means a little walking pace. This is a lyrical movement from a larger work called sonatina and unusually is slow for a first movement.

What key is this in?

G major

Bar 10 D major

Bar 17 A minor

Bar 22 bit of C major

Bar 24 back to G major, basically to the end

Notation:

Andantino - a little walking pace

Metronome marking - 69 to 72 crotchets per minute

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

P - piano - soft

Slur - play smoothly

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Largamente - play in a broader tempo (slower)

F - forte - loud

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

A tempo - return to the original speed

Tenuto - hold the note for its full value (type of accent)

Tie - hold the note for the combined value

Poco allargando - a little broader

Acciaccatura - grace note

Staccato - short and detached

Espress. - espressivo - expressively

Riten. - ritenuto - immediately held back

Comma - caesura - large break/breath

Fermata - pause - hold the note longer than written