

La Candeur by Burgmuller
Op 100 No 1

What does the title mean?

'La Candeur' is French for Sincerity. Sincerity is like being honest about something. The music sounds like sincerity because it is heartfelt. Op. = opus (work number).

What key is this in?

C major

Bars 7 to 8 it goes to G major

Then at bar 9 it returns to C major

Notation:

Allegro moderato - moderately fast and lively

Metronome marking - 152 crotchets per minute

C - common time - 4/4 - 4 crotchet beats per bar

Dolce - sweetly

p - piano - soft

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Slur - smoothly connect the notes

Tie - hold the notes for their combined value

Repeat sign - repeat the section

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Dolce e poco riten. - dolce e poco ritenuto - sweetly and a little immediately held back

A tempo - return to original speed

Sf - sforzando - sudden accent/loud note

f - forte - loud

pp - pianissimo - very soft