

Norton - Misty Day 'Waltz'

What does the title mean?

The title uses imagery that is heard in the music through the gentle jazz waltz plus use of pedalling. A waltz is a ballroom partner dance in triple time.

What key is this in?

D major. There are moments of G minor and Bb major but no real modulations. Some extended jazz chords are used.

Notation:

Gently - play the piece gently

Metronome marking - around 112 crotchets per minute, with the quavers swung (long/short)

Ped - use the damper pedal

Ped sim - pedal simile - keep using the damper pedal in the same way indicated

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

P - piano - soft

Slur - play legato - smoothly connect the notes

Ledger lines - lines that are above/below the stave, that extend the stave

Flat - lower the note a semitone

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Poco rit - a little immediately slower (poco ritenuto)

Pp - pianissimo - very soft

Fermata - pause - hold the note longer than written