

Sonatina in C (Latour) 1st movement

What does the title mean?

A sonatina is a small sonata. The word sonata means 'to sound' (in Italian) and is a piece for instrument.

This is the first movement - sonatinas usually have 2 or 3 movements.

What key is this in?

C major throughout.

At times there are F#s which imply G major but the piece doesn't actually change key.

Notation:

Allegretto - a little fast and lively

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

P - piano - soft

Crescendo - gradually getting louder

Ledger lines - lines that extend the stave

Diminuendo - gradually getting softer

Staccato - short and detached

Tenuto - hold the note for full value

Slur - play legato (smoothly connected)

Sharp - raise the note a semitone

Mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Mp - mezzo piano - moderately soft

Rit. - ritenuto - immediately held back

F - forte - loud

Fermata - pause - hold the note longer than written

A tempo - return to the original speed

ff - fortissimo - very loud

Accent - play the note loudly

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat

Also need to know names of all notes and rests.