

The Flickering Candle

Although no key signature appears, this sensitively tinted music is in the tonality of C# minor with the chord-cluster formations in the right hand forming 9th or 11th chords. At letter (A) there is a modulation to B minor. Note the interesting short-breathed phrases at the beginning of the piece, and the flickering, disappearing phrases at the end.

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Rather slowly

The musical score is written for piano and consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The time signature is 4/4. The key signature is C# minor, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#) in the key signature line at the beginning of the first system. The tempo/mood is 'Rather slowly'. The score includes various dynamics: *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), *pp* (pianissimo), and *p*¹ (piano first). The score features several chord clusters in the right hand, often marked with '9' or '11' to indicate 9th or 11th chords. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. A modulation to B minor is marked with a circled 'A' at the beginning of the third system. The piece concludes with short-breathed phrases and flickering, disappearing phrases.

2
3
4

3

mp

rit.

2
3
4

1
2
3

1
2
3

2
3
4

a tempo

p

mp

mf

3

2

1

6

4

3

2

a tempo

rit.

pp

mp

4

3

2

pp

pp

rit.

(The candle goes out)

ppp

6

3

6

6

3