



Nocturne C-sharp Minor Op. posth. No. 20

Frédéric Chopin

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It is rare to hear the opening four bars played convincingly. Done well, the listener is left with an air of expectation – spend time perfecting this deceptively simple ‘string quartet’ texture. Bars 15, 49 and 53 are notorious: unfold the right-hand notes in long, soaring gestures. The transitions between triplet quavers and triplet semiquavers could sound like a gradually tumbling snowball. Elsewhere, hands separate practice will ingrain the accompaniment and encourage a chocolatey-smooth finish. At bars 58-61 keep close to the keys and do it all with the fingers.



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Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)

Lento con gran espressione ♩ = c.72

* Some editions suggest F#s instead of D#s here.