

Album Des Enfants

Gavotte

Cécile Chaminade, Op. 123
(1857-1944)

12

Pno.

The musical score is written for piano (Pno.) in 2/4 time. It begins at measure 12. The right hand (treble clef) starts with a melodic line of eighth notes, followed by a series of slurred eighth-note patterns. The left hand (bass clef) provides a harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes, including some accidentals (sharps). The piece concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a whole note in the left hand.

Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944) was the first woman to be admitted to the Légion d'Honneur, and nearly all of her 400 solo piano works and mélodies were published for profit. Despite her tremendous success as a composer and touring pianist, critics dubbed her lyrical works as too “feminine” and her grandiose pieces as too “masculine.”