Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) is best known as a composer of concertos. He wrote over 200 concerti for various instruments. For many years he was the music director at a private school and it was here he wrote a large number of concerti for his students. This concerto, originally for lute (or mandolin), is a typical work of Vivaldi’s, demonstrating his gift for “tune”. It is his melodic material that burns such pieces as the Four Seasons into the memory of musicians and non-musicians alike. Just the first movement of this three movement work has been arranged here.

The key has been changed from D to E-flat. Articulations are crucial with any Baroque piece and the articulation must always remain clear and light.