Johann Friedrich Burgmuller
Arranged by Jennifer Stevens

THE WORK: Johann Friedrich Burgmuller (1806-1874) wrote over 100 pieces for solo piano. He was a popular composer and a well respected piano teacher both in Germany and France. As well as his piano compositions and teaching, Burgmuller wrote 2 ballets, La Peri and Lady Henriette. The Gypsies is a character piece depicting the mysterious nature of gypsies on their travels. Originally scored for solo piano, this work seemed to be scored for something larger and thus it is found in this new form.

THE TRANSCRIPTION: Lightness is essential for the majority of this piece. The dynamics and articulations must be followed very closely for the music effects to be successful. Huge dynamic contrasts makes this piece exciting so either extremes of dynamics must be exaggerated.
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