

Gavot from Six duetts Op. 58

James Hook

Composer

- James Hook was an English composer and organist from the Classical period.
- He was born in Norwich in 1746, and died in Boulogne (France) in 1827.
- Hook wrote more than 30 works for the stage, such as comic operas and pantomimes, as well as around 2000 songs.
- He is now mostly remembered for his educational piano pieces.

Title

- A *gavot*, or *gavotte*, is a French dance. Gavottes are usually in duple time, and are played at a moderately fast speed.
- A *duett*, or *duet*, is a composition for two performers. Originally written for two cellos, this piece has been arranged for cello and piano by Steven Hodgson.
- *Op.* (*Opus*) means a work or group of works. The opus number identifies the piece.

Time and rhythm

- The time signature means **two crotchet beats** in a bar (simple duple).
- This piece begins with an *anacrusis* or *upbeat*, which is a typical characteristic of a gavotte. The value of the anacrusis is subtracted from the last bar of the piece.

Keys

- The main key of this piece is **D major**.
- There are modulations to A major (bars 31-32) and D minor (bars 41-56).

Analysis

- This piece is in rondo (ABACADA) form.

Section A (bars 1-8)	Main theme, all in D major , with imitation between cello and piano.
Section B (bars 9-16)	Continuing in D major, coming to rest on the dominant chord (A-C#-E) in bars 12 and 16.
Section A (bars 17-24)	Main theme, all in D major.
Section C (bars 25-32)	Mostly in D major, but modulating briefly to A major in bars 31-32.
Section A (bars 33-40)	Main theme, all in D major .
Section D (bars 41-56)	Mostly in D minor (but briefly in F major in bars 43-44 and bars 47-48). The dominant chord continually returns in bars 52, 54, 55 and 56.
Section A (bars 57-64)	Main theme, all in D major .

Signs and terms (Italian)

- *Allegretto* means moderately fast.
- ♩ = 88-96 indicates a tempo range of 88-96 crotchet beats per minute.
- ◡ (e.g. bar 50) indicates *staccato*. [In later music, this sign indicates *staccatissimo*].
- A *pause* or *fermata* (◡) means hold for longer than the written value.