



A Guide to Composing for the Violin

Violin Range

Low, dark and lyrical

Middle, Sweet and lyrical

High, brilliant and loud

Arco - With the Bow. Vibrato and singing (cantabile) quality

arco

Pizzicato or pizz. - Plucked with fingers. Short, detached

pizz.

Glissando - Slide up or down

Sul ponticello - to play on the bridge. Makes an eerie, scary sound

sul ponticello

The Violin is very good at jumping fast

Allegro

Beautiful lyrical playing -- Paganini's Cantabile