Preludes for Piano

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Over the years I have written a large number of short pieces for piano. These include a set of twelve pieces for my sister Lucy's first child, Anna Metzger; another set of twelve for my sister Sylvie's first child, Joseph Khan; and more than twenty others. Here I have put together a set of 24 of the preludes, in two books of twelve. The pieces may be played individually, in groups of twelve, or as a whole set of 24.

Each piece is a little over a minute on average, though some are a bit longer or shorter. There is one in each major and minor key, though they are not organized that way: I simply chose an ordering that I thought would be effective if the pieces were played in sequence. The second book is a bit more musically adventurous than the first, particularly with regard to form: the pieces in the first book are mostly rather conventional binary forms, whereas those in the second book have more unusual and unique forms.

Performances of the pieces (by me) may be heard at my website, davidtemperley.com.
* Some notes in the right hand may be lengthened to bring out the individual "strands" of the melody (as indicated by the asterisks). Pedal may also be used to facilitate this.
Allegro moderato (\( \dot{q} = 100 \))

sempre legato

\( \text{mf} \)
Allegretto \((\cdot = 96)\)

P legato e leggero

\(\sim\)

mf
Allegro moderato \( \text{\( \frac{\pi}{8} \)} = 96 \)

\[\text{\( f \)} \]

non legato

\[\text{\( \text{n} \)}\]
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Book II

1.

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Moderato \( \left( \text{q}=\frac{1}{8} \right) \)

\( f \text{ sempre non legato} \)
Andante (q = 72)

2.

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3.

Allegro moderato (d = 84)
Andante (♩ = 60)
8.

Allegro moderato (♩ = 104)