

# Smoky Blue

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*In a blues style*

Lento cantabile  $\text{♩} = 70$

The musical score is written for Alto Saxophone and Piano in 4/4 time. The tempo is Lento cantabile with a quarter note equal to 70 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

**Alto Sax.:** The melody begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic, moving to mezzo-piano (*mp*) by measure 4. It features a series of eighth and quarter notes with a long, expressive slur over the first four measures. Measure 5 starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and includes a tenuto (*ten.*) marking. Measure 9 is the start of section A, marked with a box 'A' and a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 13 returns to mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamics.

**Pno.:** The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving bass lines. It starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes a tenuto (*ten.*) marking in measure 5. Section A begins in measure 9 with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 13 features a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.