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# **Just As I Am**

Setting by Robert W. Smith

# FOR BEGINNING BANDS!



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### Instrumentation

Conductor score	1
Flute	
Oboe	2
B Clarinet	12
Bb Bass Clarinet	
Bassoon	2
E Alto Saxophone	8
B Tenor Saxophone	2
E Baritone Saxophone	2
B Trumpet	
F Horn	4
Trombone/Baritone B.C	8
Baritone T.C	
Tuba	
Mallet Percussion: Bells/Vibraphone	4
Timpani	1
Percussion 1: Triangle, Bass Drum	3
Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal	
Piano/Keyboard (ontional)	- 1

### **Program Notes**

This simple, yet beautifully poignant setting of the traditional hymn song "Just As I Am" is a study in lyrical playing for the beginning band. Written by Charlotte Elliott in 1835, this well-known melody is regularly performed around the world in a variety of settings.

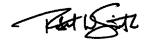
### **Notes to the Conductor**

The introduction features interaction between the low brass/woodwinds, keyboard percussion and upper winds. Please insure the presence of the keyboard percussion on beat 2 during the opening statement.

Beginning in m. 10, the keyboard percussion are featured against the clarinet melody. Once again, please insure their presence in the overall balance. As each woodwind layer enters, work on balance vertically leading to the full woodwind choir at m. 20.

The low brass/woodwind counter melodic line beginning at m. 46 should be bold and present leading to the resolution at m. 56. Feel free to expressively conduct the final choir statements beginning at m. 59, allowing for a soft and delicate conclusion.

I hope you and the band enjoy Just As I Am and find it to be a rewarding musical experience. Best wishes for a wonderful performance!



### About the Arranger



Robert W. Smith (b. 1958) is one of the most popular and prolific composers in America today. He has over 600 publications in print with the majority composed and arranged through his long association with Warner Bros. Publications and the Belwin catalog.

Mr. Smith's credits include many compositions and productions in all areas of the music field. His original works for winds and percussion have been programmed by countless military, university, high school, and middle

school bands throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, South America and Asia. His Symphony #1 (The Divine Comedy), Symphony #2 (The Odyssey), Symphony #3 (Don Quixote), Inchon and Africa: Ceremony, Song and Ritual have received worldwide critical acclaim. His educational compositions such as The Tempest, Encanto, and The Great Locomotive Chase have become standards for developing bands throughout the world.

Mr. Smith's music has received extensive airplay on major network television as well as inclusion in multiple motion pictures. From professional ensembles such as the United States Navy Band, United States Air Force Band, Boston Pops and the Atlanta Symphony to school bands and orchestras throughout the world, his music speaks to audiences in any concert setting. As a conductor, clinician and keynote speaker, Mr. Smith has performed throughout the North America, Asia, South America, Europe and Australia. His music has been recorded by various ensembles and is available on CD and download through Walking Frog Records, iTunes, Amazon, and other recorded music outlets.

Mr. Smith is the President/CEO of RWS Music Company, exclusively distributed through C. L. Barnhouse. In addition, he is currently teaching in the Music Industry program at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. His teaching responsibilities are focused in music composition, production, publishing and business.

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setting by Robert W. Smith (ASCAP) **Conductor Score** 023-4474-00 Expressively J = 80 - 88Flute mp Oboe mpBb Clarinet mpBb Bass Clarinet **9** mf Bassoon E♭Alto Saxophoue B<sub>b</sub> Tenor Saxophone mpE | Baritone Saxophoue Expressively J = 80 - 88B<sub>b</sub> Trumpet F Horn mp Trombone/ Baritone B.C. mfTuba <u>σ</u> Bells/Vibes Mallet Percussion: Bells, Vibraphone Timpani (B, F) mfTriangle Percussion 1: Triangle, Bass Drum Bs. Dr. Cr. Cyms. Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals, p Sus. Cym. Sususpended Cymbal mf8 Piano/Keyboard (optional) mfò  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ 

















