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Instrumentation

Full Conductor Score	1
Flute	10
Oboe	2
1st Bb Clarinet	6
2nd Bb Clarinet	6
Bb Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	2
Eb Alto Saxophone	8
Bb Tenor Saxophone	2
Eb Baritone Saxophone	
1st Bb Trumpet	
2nd Bb Trumpet	5
F HornTrombone	4
Trombone	6
Baritone BC	2
Baritone TC	2
Tuba	4
Mallet Percussion: Vibes, Marimba, Chimes	4
Timpani	
Percussion: Wind Chimes, Triangle, Suspended Cymbal	4
Piano/Keyboard (optional)	

Program Notes

This wonderful piece, created in a beautiful setting, is a very emotional and heartfelt ballad. A simple melody engulfed in rich harmonies triumphantly sends the much-needed message of lasting hope for one and all.

Rehearsal Suggestions

- The use of a soft tonguing style, along with the slurs, will help to establish the lyrical quality of this ballad.
- In the words of Pablo Casals, "Don't just play the notes, play the meaning of the notes."
- Never allow the accompaniment to overshadow the melody.
- When the melody sustains, bring out the moving parts.
- The last two measures of the work should be performed in a very deliberate fashion.
- Above all else, have as much fun performing this piece as I did in composing it.



About the Composer



James Swearingen's talents as a performer, composer/arranger and educator include a background of extensive training and experience. He has earned degrees from Bowling Green State University and The Ohio State University. Mr. Swearingen is currently Professor of Music, Department Chair of Music Education and one of several resident composers at Capital University located in Columbus, Ohio. He also serves as a staff arranger for the famed Ohio State University

Marching Band. Prior to his appointment at Capital in 1987, he spent eighteen years teaching instrumental music in the public schools of central Ohio. His first teaching assignment took him to the community of Sunbury, Ohio. He then spent fourteen years as Director of Instrumental Music at Grove City High School where his marching, concert and jazz bands all received acclaim for their high standards of performing excellence.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Swearingen manages to be very active as a guest conductor, adjudicator and educational clinician. Appearances have included trips throughout the United States, as well as Japan, Australia, Europe, Canada and The Republic of China.

Mr. Swearingen's numerous contributions for band have been enthusiastically received by school directors, student performers and audiences worldwide. With over 550 published works, he has written band compositions and arrangements that reflect a variety of musical forms and styles. Many of his pieces, including 105 commissioned works, have been chosen for contest and festival lists. He is a recipient of several ASCAP awards for published compositions and in 1992 was selected as an Accomplished Graduate of the Fine and Performing Arts from Bowling Green State University. In March of 2000, he was invited to join The American Bandmasters Association, considered to be the most prestigious bandmaster organization in the world. Mr. Swearingen received the 2002 Community Music Educator Award given annually by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. In that same year, he became conductor of the Grove City Community Winds. This highly talented ensemble consists of many fine musicians from the central Ohio area. On June 20, 2009, The American School Band Directors Association, Inc., presented Mr. Swearingen with the A. Austin Harding Award. This prestigious award is presented annually by the organization and is reflective of valuable and dedicated service to the school bands of America. In 2011, the Ohio Chapter (Mu) of Phi Beta Mu honored him with their Hall of Fame Award. His most recent recognition, the Distinguished Service Award, was presented to him at the 2014 OMEA Professional Development Conference. It should be noted that he is also a member of numerous professional and honorary organizations including OMEA, NAfME, ASBDA, Phi Beta Mu and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Many of Mr. Swearingen's most popular band compositions have been recorded by the prestigious Washington Winds and are available on Walking Frog Records compact discs: His recordings include In All Its Glory, Exaltation, Celebration For Winds And Percussion, The Light Of Dawn, and the newest release, Flight of Valor.

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