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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1st B ^J , Trumpet
Flute10	2nd B ^J Trumpet
Oboe	3rd B ^J Trumpet
1st B ^J Clarinet4	F Horn4
2nd B ^J Clarinet	1st Trombone3
3rd B ^J Clarinet4	2nd Trombone3
B ^J Bass Clarinet	Euphonium2
Bassoon	Euphonium (T.C.)
1st E ^J , Alto Saxophone	Tuba
2nd E ^J , Alto Saxophone	String Bass1
B ^J Tenor Saxophone	Mallet Percussion: Chimes/Ship's Bell
F) Baritone Saxonhone	Percussion: Suspended Cymbal

PROGRAM NOTES

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" is a hymn traditionally associated with seafarers and, in particular, the maritime armed services. Composed in 1860-61 by William Whiting and John B. Dykes, the hymn was inspired by the dangers of the sea described in Psalm 107. It became popular in the late 1800s through the United States Navy and Britain's Royal Navy.

This arrangement by Robert W. Smith was premiered in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as part of the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the gathering of heroes from around the world in December of 2016. Beginning with the toll of the ships bell in tribute to those that that lost their lives on that fateful day, the beautiful hymn follows in a solemn and reverent setting. The ship's bell returns during the final amen and tolls into the distance reminding us of the incredible sacrifices of our "Greatest Generation."

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

The ship's bell (or chimes) should be placed for optimum audio presence. If a true ship's bell is used, please stage the instrument for visual impact as well.

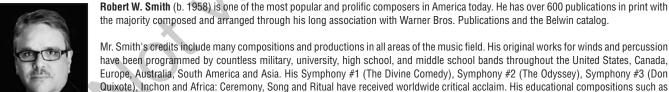
The hymn should be as legato as possible. Depending upon the ensemble and performance setting, feel free to interpret as rubato as you feel appropriate. Strive for ensemble balance throughout. I have scored the hymn to be as warm and lush as possible. Please note the dynamic shaping as the hymn concludes with the IV-1 "amen" harmonic resolution. The ship's bell should toll resolutely into the distance.

This setting of "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" was written as a prelude to "The Greatest Generation," a salute to heroes that served during World War II. You may wish to consider programming both the hymn and "The Greatest Generation" as part of your patriotic program. In addition, the hymn serves as a wonderful warm up chorale for use throughout the year.

I hope you and the band find "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" to be a valuable addition to your program. Best wishes for a wonderful performance.

ABOUT THE ARRANGER

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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 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.

The Tempest, Encanto, and The Great Locomotive Chase have become standards for developing bands throughout the world.

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.









