

MUSIC FOR BRASS BAND

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On Alderley Edge

Peter Graham

Full Score

Instrumentation:

British Brass Band

Percussion (3-4 players):

- Percussion 1** (Timpani (30" 28" 25"), Bass drum, Sus. cymbal, Bell tree,
Clash cymbal, Xylophone, Triangle);
Percussion 2 (Tam-tam, Tubular bells, Vibraphone, Bell tree, Tambourine,
Clash cymbal, Bass drum);
Percussion 3 (Bass drum, Snare drum, Clash cymbal, Triangle,
Cymbal, Glockenspiel, Claves)

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Composer's Note

The North Cheshire village of Alderley Edge is dominated by a 600 foot wooded escarpment (known locally as the Edge) where evocatively titled landmarks such as Wizard's Well, Stormy Point and The Devil's Grave have inspired storytellers for centuries. This work presents a musical portrayal of many of these sites and also recalls some of the legends which have arisen from them. In dealing with the subjects of the forest, myths and folklore, parallels with the German Romantic Opera tradition became apparent to me and it seemed appropriate to draw upon sources and in some cases the language of that particular period in music history. Hence the references to Weber's masterpiece **Der Freischütz** and the ideas of a redemption theme and the triumph of good over evil. This latter notion also has a resonance with the brass band test-piece tradition of Percy Fletcher, Cyril Jenkins et al. It is therefore perhaps doubly fitting, as we approach the millenium, for a nostalgic reminder of both the ethos and style of this period in the development of the brass band repertoire.

The music itself could be considered to be a series of tone pictures. **The Armada Beacon** (the highest point on the Edge from where the advance of the Spanish Armada was signalled) presents some musical fireworks with a Spanish twist. The timeless nature of the ancient **Golden Stone** (reputed to have mythical properties) is evoked by a chaconne while the machine-like drive of the **Engine Vein Mine** is represented by a meccanico section. **The Holy Well** is outlined by the redemption theme (a pastiche aria) while in Stormy Point fragments of the **Dies Irae** can be heard against the brooding storm music. **The Devil's Grave** (making reference to the *Wolf's Glen* scene from **Der Freischütz**) completes the core of the work which is framed by a Prologue and Epilogue.

The **Prologue** sets the forest scene in the offstage horn call which also makes reference to the most enduring of the legends of Alderley Edge. A subterranean cavern is said to house a sleeping army who will rise if ever the country is in peril. Entrance to the cavern is by way of iron gates which are hidden in the landscape. Locals have their own ideas of the whereabouts of the gates and it is said that music (the horn call) from the cavern can still be heard at nights. In true local tradition I have signposted the entrance with a melody woven into the fabric of one of the landmarks. The mystery continues!

Peter Graham, June 1997

About the Composer



Born in Scotland, Peter Graham read music at Edinburgh and London Universities (Goldsmiths' College).

His music for brass and wind is performed across the globe, from China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea and Singapore in the Far East, across North and South America and in every major European country.

Awards include the American Bandmasters Association/Ostwald Award for Original Composition for Symphonic Winds and the Iles Medal of the Worshipful Company of Musicians

On Alderley Edge duration c. 15:00

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To Gillian and Brian Pomerding

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PROLOGUE

Adagio $\text{♩} = 60$

Soprano Cornet E \flat

Harmon mutes (tube extended)

Solo Cornet B \flat

ppp

Repiano Cornet B \flat

ppp

Harmon mute (tube extended)

2nd Cornet B \flat

ppp

Harmon mutes (tube extended)

3rd Cornet B \flat

ppp

Muted (fibre)

Flugel Horn B \flat

ppp

Solo Horn E \flat

Muted (fibre)

1st Horn E \flat

ppp

2nd Horn E \flat

Muted (fibre)

ppp

1st Baritone B \flat

Muted (fibre)

ppp

2nd Baritone B \flat

Muted (fibre)

ppp

1st Trombone B \flat

Muted (fibre)

5:4

ppp

2nd Trombone B \flat

Muted (fibre)

5:4

ppp

Bass Trombone

Muted (fibre)

5:4

ppp

Euphonium B \flat

2. (Open)

ppp

1. Muted (metal)

Bass E \flat

(Open)

ppp

Bass B \flat

(Open)

ppp

Percussion 1

Play upturned cymbal on timp. head

Tam-tam

Bass drum

fpp

fpp

Percussion 2

Percussion 3

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Sop. Cor. *molto* *p*

Solo Cor. 3 *molto*

Rep. Cor. *molto*

2nd Cor. One *p*

3rd Cor. *molto*

Flugel 3 *molto*

Solo Hn.

1st Hn. *molto*

2nd Hn. *molto*

1st Bar. *molto*

2nd Bar. *molto*

1st Tbn. *molto*

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph. *molto* *p subito*

Bass Eb. Stagger breathing *p subito*

Bass Bb. Stagger breathing *p subito*

Perc. 1 *molto*

Perc. 2 *p* Tubular bell Vibraphone *p*

Perc. 3 *molto* *p*

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8

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn. (Solo (open (offstage, distant))
(mf cantabile))

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. Open
p

2nd Tbn. Open
p

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb.

Bass Bb.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn. (mf)

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb. (p)

Bass Bb. (p)

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Return to seat

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A Poco piu mosso e cantabile

20

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. Solo (open) mp

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor. Both open p

3rd Cor. Open p

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn. Open p

2nd Hn. Open p

1st Bar. Open p

2nd Bar. Open p

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph. Solo (open) mp

Bass Eb. p

Bass Bb. p

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Bell tree p

Perc. 3 \gg

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25

Sop. Cor. *Tempo primo*
(Muted) *rall.*

Solo Cor. *pp subito*

Tutti open *p*

Rep. Cor. (Muted)

2nd Cor. *pp subito*

Muted

3rd Cor. *pp subito*

Flugel Open *p*

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. Muted *pp subito*

2nd Tbn. Muted *pp subito*

Bass Tbn. Muted *pp subito*

Euph. *2. p*

Bass E♭ *p*

Bass B♭ *p*

Perc. 1 Bass drum *p*

Vibes. *p*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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THE ARMADA BEACON

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F THE GOLDEN STONE
Tranquillo e cantabile $\text{J}=58$

22

105

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Both

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

stringendo

112

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. Solo
3 *mp*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel *p*

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn. *p*

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass E♭ 1.

Bass B♭ 1.

Perc. 1 Sus. cym. *p*

Perc. 2 To Vibes.

Perc. 3

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 3 *mf*

Rep. Cor. *p* *mp*

2nd Cor. *p* *mp*

3rd Cor. *p* *mp*

Flugel *mp*

Solo Hn. *mp*

1st Hn. *mp*

2nd Hn. *p* *mp*

1st Bar. *mp* Solo *mp* 3

2nd Bar. *mp* *pp*

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph. 1. *mp* *pp*

Bass Eb. Both *mp* *pp*

Bass Bb. Both *mp* *pp*

Perc. 1 Bell tree *p*

Perc. 2 Vibes. *p*

Perc. 3 Glock.

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135

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

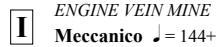
3rd Cor.

Flügel

3-1-H

Bass E_b

Base B



ENGINE VEIN MINE

Meccanico $\bullet = 144+$

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142

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1. st. mute $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{mf} \end{smallmatrix}$

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn. $\begin{smallmatrix} \wedge & \wedge \\ \wedge & \wedge \end{smallmatrix}$

2nd Hn. $\begin{smallmatrix} \wedge & \wedge \\ \wedge & \wedge \end{smallmatrix}$

1st Bar. $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{mf} \end{smallmatrix}$

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. $\begin{smallmatrix} fp \\ f \end{smallmatrix}$

2nd Tbn. $\begin{smallmatrix} f \\ f \end{smallmatrix}$

Bass Tbn. f

$\begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}$

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1 $\begin{smallmatrix} mp \\ mp \end{smallmatrix}$

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 $\begin{smallmatrix} mf \\ mp \end{smallmatrix}$

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N THE HOLY WELL
Andante misterioso ♩ = 76

217 (tr) Sop. Cor. (tr) ff mf

Solo Cor. ff

Rep. Cor. ff

2nd Cor. ff

3rd Cor. ff

Flugel > mfp mfp mfp

Solo Hn. > mfp mfp mfp mf

1st Hn. - mfp mfp mfp (p)

2nd Hn. > mfp mfp mfp (p)

1st Bar. f ff mfp mfp

2nd Bar. f ff

1st Tbn. fp ff

2nd Tbn. fp ff

Bass Tbn. fp ff

Euph. f ff

Bass Eb f# mp subito

Bass Bb f# mp subito

Perc. 1 Cym. Choke f f Vibes. p

Perc. 2 mf Glock.

Perc. 3 mf

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor. Cup mute
mp == *pp*

2nd Cor. Cup mute
mp == *pp*

3rd Cor. Cup mute
mp == *pp*

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar. - *p*

2nd Bar. - *p*

1st Tbn. Cup mute
mp == *pp*

2nd Tbn. Cup mute
mp == *pp*

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb 1. *mp* == *p*

Bass Bb 1. *mp* == *p*

Perc. 1 *(tr)* - *tr* -

Perc. 2 Tubular bell
mf

Perc. 3

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230 **ritenuto**

O Andante espressivo $\downarrow = 72$

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor. *pp*

2nd Cor. *pp*

3rd Cor. *pp*

Flugel *mp* *p* *mp*

Solo Hn. *mp* *p* *mp*

1st Hn. *mp*

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. *pp* *p* *mp*

2nd Tbn. *pp* Open *p* *mp*

Bass Tbn. Open *p* *mp*

Euph. 1. *mp* *p* *mf* *mp*
2. *mp*

Bass Eb *p* Both *mf* *mp*

Bass Bb *p* Both *mf* *mp*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 *mp*

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237

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass E♭

Bass B♭

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Open
mp

Open
mp

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R *STORMY POINT*
Allegro agitato ♩ = 168

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274 *accel.*

K Allegro agitato ♩ = 168

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass E♭

Bass B♭

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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280

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor. *mp*
Open

2nd Cor. *mp*

3rd Cor. Open

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn. *mp*

2nd Hn. *mp*

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. St. mute *mf*

2nd Tbn. St. mute *mf*

Bass Tbn. St. mute *mf*

Euph.

Bass E♭

Bass B♭

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 *mp*

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. Three st. mutes *mf*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn. *mp*

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass E♭

Bass B♭

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

A musical score page for an orchestra and three percussionists. The score consists of 18 staves. From top to bottom, the instruments are: Soprano Horn, Solo Horn (with three straight mutes), Bassoon, Second Bassoon, Third Bassoon, Flugelhorn, Solo Horn (with muted dynamic), First Trombone, Second Trombone, First Bass Trombone, Second Bass Trombone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Bass Clarinet, Bass Bassoon, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3. The page is numbered 284 at the top left and 53 at the top right. The music includes various dynamics like *mf* and *mp*, and performance instructions like 'Three st. mutes' and grace notes. Measures 1 through 4 are shown, with measure 5 indicated by a repeat sign and a bass clef change.

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Sop. Cor. St. mute   *mf*

Solo Cor. Two st. mutes   *mf*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel   *mp*

Solo Hn.   *mp*

1st Hn.   *mp*

2nd Hn.   *mp*

1st Bar.  

2nd Bar.  

1st Tbn.  

2nd Tbn.  

Bass Tbn.  

Euph.

Bass Eb  

Bass Bb  

Perc. 1

Perc. 2   *f*

Perc. 3  

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Sop. Cor. - - - 3 | Open > > > | *mp* Open > > > | *mf* f ff All (open) *ff*

Solo Cor. - - - 3 | *mp* | *mf* f ff

Rep. Cor. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | - - - | ff

2nd Cor. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | - - - | ff

3rd Cor. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | - - - | ff

Flugel - - - 3 | *mp* | *mf* f ff

Solo Hn. - - - 3 | *mp* | *mf* f ff

1st Hn. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | *mp* | *mf* f ff

2nd Hn. - - - 3 | - - - | - - - | ff

1st Bar. - - - 3 | *cresc. poco a poco* | - - - | ff

2nd Bar. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | - - - | ff

1st Tbn. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | Open > > > | *mf* f ff

2nd Tbn. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | Open > > > | *mf* f ff

Bass Tbn. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | Open > > > | *mf* f ff

Euph. - - - 3 | - - - | - - - | 2. f ff

Bass E. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | - - - | ff

Bass B. *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | - - - | - - - | ff

Perc. 1 - - - 3 | - - - | - - - | Tam-tam

Perc. 2 - - - 3 | - - - | - - - | ff

Perc. 3 *cresc. poco a poco* 3 | > > > | > > > | > > > | ff

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THE DEVIL'S GRAVE

rall.

315

Sop. Cor. *fff*

Solo Cor. *fff*

Rep. Cor. *fff*

2nd Cor. *fff*

3rd Cor. *fff*

Flugel *mp dim.* *p*

Solo Hn. *mp dim.* *p*

1st Hn. *mp dim.* *p* *pp*

2nd Hn. *mp dim.* *p* *pp*

1st Bar. *fff* *pp*

2nd Bar. *fff* *pp*

1st Tbn. *mp dim.* *pp*

2nd Tbn. *mp dim.* *pp*

Bass Tbn. *mp dim.* *pp*

Euph. *fff* *mp sost.* *dim.* *3*

Bass Eb *fff* *mp dim.* Both *mp sost.* *dim.* *3*

Bass Bb *fff* *mp dim.* *mp sost.* *dim.* *3*

Perc. 1 *fff* Vibes. (motor on)

Perc. 2 *mf*

Perc. 3

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323 **Lusingando** ♩ = 84

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor. Solo *mp*

2nd Cor. Cup mutes *mp*

3rd Cor. Cup mutes *mp*

Flugel

Solo Hn. *pp* *mp*

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. *mp*

2nd Tbn. *mp*

Bass Tbn. *mp*

Euph. 3

Bass E♭ Both *pp* *mp*

Bass B♭ Both *pp* *mp*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Bass drum *p* *pp*

Perc. 3

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S EPILOGUE

S Andante espressivo ♩ = 72

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329 Andante espressivo = 72

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass E♭

Bass B♭

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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Sop. Cor. *mp* *f*

Solo Cor. *mf* *f*

Rep. Cor. *f*

2nd Cor. *f*

3rd Cor. *f*

Flugel *f*

Solo Hn. *f*

1st Hn. *f*

2nd Hn. *mp* *f*

1st Bar. *f*

2nd Bar. *f*

1st Tbn. *mf* *f*

2nd Tbn. *mf* *f*

Bass Tbn. *mf* *f*

Euph. Both *f*

Bass Eb *f*

Bass Bb *f*

Perc. 1 *mf* *f*

Perc. 2 *mf* *f*

Perc. 3

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass E♭

Bass B♭

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

slient.

Vivace $\text{♩} = 132$

This musical score page from "On Alderley Edge" shows a complex arrangement for orchestra and percussion. The instrumentation includes Soprano, Solo, and Representative Cornets; Flugelhorn; Solo and First/Second Horns; Trombones; Bass Trombone; Euphonium; Bassoon in E♭ and B♭; and three Percussionists. The score is set in common time, with a key signature of one sharp. Measure 341 begins with a dynamic of **ff**, followed by a section labeled **slient.** The tempo is indicated as **Vivace** with a quarter note equal to 132. The score features various musical staves with notes and rests, dynamic markings like **ff**, **f**, and **ff**, and performance instructions like **Glock.**

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Tubular bells

f

Perc. 3

The musical score consists of 18 staves, each representing a different instrument or voice part. The instruments listed on the left are Sop. Cor., Solo Cor., Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flugel, Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., 2nd Bar., 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., Bass Tbn., Euph., Bass Eb, Bass Bb, Perc. 1, Perc. 2, and Perc. 3. The score is divided into four measures (347-350). Measures 347 and 348 show mostly rests or simple patterns. Measures 349 and 350 feature more complex rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth-note figures and sustained notes. Measure 350 includes dynamic markings like 'f' and '3' over groups of notes. The 'Tubular bells' part is specifically noted in measure 350.

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350 *rall.*

Sop. Cor. *ff* *fffff lunga*

Solo Cor. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

Rep. Cor. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

2nd Cor. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

3rd Cor. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

Flugel *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

Solo Hn. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

1st Hn. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

2nd Hn. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

1st Bar. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

2nd Bar. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

1st Tbn. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

2nd Tbn. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

Bass Tbn. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

Euph. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

Bass Eb. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

Bass Bb. *ff* *mp ffff lunga*

Perc. 1 *ff* *Timp. tr..... Tam-tam ffff*

Perc. 2 *ff* *Clash cym. mf ff*

Perc. 3 *ff*