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SET TO MUSIC FOR

Soprano solo, Chorus and Orchestra

by

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Clarinet 2

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Changes in the International copyright laws in the mid-1970’s played a pivotal role in creating this void, opening a significant number of musical compositions to public access. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. Performance score inventories of these works were eliminated. In addition, for many compositions, the only published material were vocal scores - full scores and orchestra parts were hand notated for the premiere of a work and then were ‘recycled’ for future performances. While full score autograph manuscripts are now accessible through the major music libraries in the UK, the hand-notated parts have long since been lost. These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of the published vocal scores are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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Document Software: Adobe In Design CS5 *Music Notation Reference:* Behind Bars by Elaine Gould, Faber Music © 2011

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Clarinet in B \flat

Allegro amabile $\text{♩} = 76$

1-2 *p* $\text{p} >$

9 *p* 14-21

34 *a tempo*

29 32-35 *mp*

35 *Leggiero* 42-49

53 *tr* 55-61 62-74 *p dim.* Clarinet 1 37

78 *p*

85

89-91 92-98

f >

Detailed description: This musical staff covers measures 85 to 98. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. A triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5) is marked with a '3' above it. The staff continues with quarter notes G4, F#4, E4, and D4. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is placed below the staff, followed by an accent (>) over a quarter note G4. Two measures of rests are indicated by thick black bars: measures 89-91 and 92-98.

99

Bassoon 1

38

Bass Clarinet

mp < >

Detailed description: This staff is for Bassoon 1 and Bass Clarinet, covering measures 99 to 104. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is marked with a '3' above it. The Bassoon 1 part plays quarter notes G4, F#4, E4, and D4. The Bass Clarinet part plays quarter notes G4, F#4, E4, and D4. A dynamic marking of *mp* (mezzo-piano) is placed below the staff, followed by a hairpin (<) and an accent (>) over a quarter note G4.

105

9

107-115

39

mp < > *ff*

Detailed description: This staff covers measures 105 to 118. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. A 9-measure rest is indicated by a thick black bar from measure 107 to 115. The melody resumes with quarter notes G4, F#4, E4, and D4. A dynamic marking of *mp* (mezzo-piano) is placed below the staff, followed by a hairpin (<) and an accent (>) over a quarter note G4. The staff ends with a dynamic marking of *ff* (fortissimo) and a hairpin (<) over a quarter note G4. A box containing the number '39' is located above the staff.

119

5

8

12

8

121-125 126-133 134-145 146-153

40

p

Detailed description: This staff covers measures 119 to 153. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps. A dynamic marking of *p* (piano) is placed below the staff. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, F#4, E4, and D4. Four measures of rests are indicated by thick black bars: measures 121-125, 126-133, 134-145, and 146-153. A box containing the number '40' is located above the staff.



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