

THE GHOST OF JOHN

Arranged by Susan Brown

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Violin III (Viola )	3
Beginning Violin	3
Viola	5
Beginning Viola	3
Cello	5
Beginning Cello	3
String Bass	5
Beginning String Bass	3
Piano Accompaniment	1
Percussion (Sticks & Maracas)	1

TO THE DIRECTOR

The Ghost of John may be performed without piano as a string orchestra piece. Though it is a separate part, it is suggested that the piano be included for performance if possible. The Violin III part doubles the viola sometimes but stands alone as well. The beginning string parts are simplified versions of the regular parts to allow more beginning readers an opportunity to play in an ensemble sooner.

The percussion parts (sticks and maracas) are optional, but will add to the character and mood of the piece. Ensemble members may take turns as percussion soloists. The short warm-up exercises may be practiced as separate units before beginning the piece. They should be clapped and counted, played pizzicato, then bowed slowly. The lyrics at measure 17 can be learned for added performance fun and interest.

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Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla. (Vln. III)
 Cello
 Str. Bass
 Vln. Vla. Beginning
 Cello Str. Bass
 Piano
 Perc.

11 *mf sim.*
 12
 13 *f*
 14
 15 *f*
 16 *f*
 17 *f*
 18 *f*
 19 *mf*
 20 *f*

arco
 S.B.
 Vc.
 Frog
 V
 1
 2
 0
 1
 2
 0
 1
 2
 0

Have you seen the ghost of John? Long white bones with the skin all gone

21 22 23 24

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Vln. Vla. Beginning

Cello Str. Bass

Piano

Perc.

25 26 27 28

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Vln. Vla. Beginning

Cello Str. Bass

Piano

Perc.

Wouldn't it be chilly with no skin on?

S.B.

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29 30 31 32

Vln. I *f* WB 4

Vln. II *mf* WB

Vla. (Vln. III) *mf* WB

Cello *f* 0 4

Str. Bass *f* 0 4

Vln. Vla. *f* 0 1 0 0

Beginning Cello Str. Bass *f* 0 1 0 0

Piano *f*

Perc.

33 34 35 36 (harmonic touch)

Vln. I *molto rit.* *pp* Sul A 1

Vln. II (harmonic touch) *molto rit.* *pp* Sul A 1

Vla. (Vln. III) (harmonic touch) *molto rit.* *pp* Sul A 1

Cello *p* *molto rit.* *pp* Sul A 1

Str. Bass *p* *molto rit.* *pp* Sul A 1

Vln. Vla. *molto rit.* *pp* Sul A 1

Beginning Cello Str. Bass *molto rit.* *pp* Sul A 1

Piano *p* *molto rit.* *pp* Trem.

Perc. *p* *molto rit.* *pp*

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Vln. Solo *mf*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mp*

Cello *pizz. mf* *sim.*

Str. Bass *pizz. mf* *sim.*

Vln. Vla. *mp*

Beginning Cello Str. Bass *mp*

Piano *mp*

Perc. *mp*

41

Vln. Solo *mp*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mp*

Cello *sim.*

Str. Bass *sim.*

Vln. Vla. *mp*

Beginning Cello Str. Bass *mp*

Piano *mp*

Perc. *mp*

42

Vln. Solo *mp*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mp*

Cello *sim.*

Str. Bass *sim.*

Vln. Vla. *mp*

Beginning Cello Str. Bass *mp*

Piano *mp*

Perc. *mp*

43

Vln. Solo *mp*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mp*

Cello *sim.*

Str. Bass *sim.*

Vln. Vla. *mp*

Beginning Cello Str. Bass *mp*

Piano *mp*

Perc. *mp*

44

Vln. Solo *mp*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mp*

Cello *sim.*

Str. Bass *sim.*

Vln. Vla. *mp*

Beginning Cello Str. Bass *mp*

Piano *mp*

Perc. *mp*

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45 **Faster** (♩ = 66)

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla. (Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass
Vln. Vla.
Beginning
Cello Str. Bass
Piano
Perc.

46 47 48

49 50 51 52

mp *sim.* *mf* *rit.* *ff* *Trem.*

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53 **A** Tempo (♩ = 80)

Vln. I
mp
Tip. 0

Vln. II
mp
Tip. 0

Vla. (Vln. III)
mp

Cello
mp
3

Str. Bass
mp
-4 0 1

Vln. Vla.
Beginning
mp
Tip. 0
S.B.

Cello Str. Bass
mp

Piano
mp
mf

Perc.
mp

Vln. I
57 mp
58
59
60 Solo
poco rit.
mf

Vln. II
pizz. mp
gliss.

Vla. (Vln. III)
pizz. mp
gliss.

Cello
poco rit.
Solo
poco rit.
mf

Str. Bass
poco rit.

Vln. Vla.
Beginning
pizz. mp
gliss.

Cello Str. Bass
pizz. mp
gliss.

Piano
mp
poco rit.

Perc.
mp
poco rit.

Meno Tempo (♩ = 72)

61 62 63 64 (see Ex. 2 below)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Vln. Vla.

Beginning

Cello Str. Bass

Piano

Perc.

65 66 67 68 Fast!

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Vln. Vla.

Beginning

Cello Str. Bass

Piano

Perc.

* = Tremolo behind the bridge.

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Exercise No. 1 (♩ = 72)

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Score for Exercise No. 1 (♩ = 72). The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, Vln. Vla. Beginning, Cello Str. Bass, Piano, and Perc. The score is marked with dynamics (mf, pp, ff) and includes instructions like "remain in position" and "gliss.". A large red watermark "Purchase" is visible across the score.

* Tremolo behind the bridge.
 ** Gliss as high as possible.

Exercise No. 2 (♩ = 72)

Score for Exercise No. 2 (♩ = 72). The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, Vln. Vla. Beginning, Cello Str. Bass, Piano, and Perc. The score is marked with dynamics (mp, p, pp, pppp, ff) and includes instructions like "molto rit.", "Fast!", "pizz.", and "gliss.". A large red watermark "Purchase" is visible across the score.

* = Tap lightly on top of instrument with right-hand fingertips..

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