

PRELUDE ON A GREGORIAN TUNE

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THE COMPOSITION

The tune which inspired the **Prelude on a Gregorian Tune** originated in the **Liber Usualis**, the traditional book of words and music for Christian services. The music is from a short Responsory. Transcribed into modern notation it appears as follows, with all note values being equal:



Prelude on a Gregorian Tune evokes the ancient Christian mysticism as found in the music and words of Gregorian chants. This mild and harmonious work is a non-sectarian piece which emerges as small ritornello form, ababa.

Because of the quiet, legato nature of this music, there is a strong temptation to play it too slowly. This is not a mournful piece, and the tempo must be ♩. = c.72 as marked. The music must project a quiet but joyful attitude.

INSTRUMENTATION LIST

- 1 – Piccolo
- 6 – 1st and 2nd Flute
- 2 – 1st and 2nd Oboe
- 2 – 1st and 2nd Bassoon
- 1 – E $\flat$ Clarinet
- 3 – 1st B $\flat$ Clarinet
- 3 – 2nd B $\flat$ Clarinet
- 3 – 3rd B $\flat$ Clarinet
- 1 – E $\flat$ Alto Clarinet
- 2 – B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet
- 4 – 1st and 2nd E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone
- 2 – B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone
- 1 – E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone
- 3 – 1st B $\flat$ Cornet
- 6 – 2nd and 3rd B $\flat$ Cornet
- 2 – 1st F Horns
- 2 – 2nd F Horns

- 2 – 1st Trombone
- 4 – 2nd and 3rd Trombone
- 1 – Baritone T.C.
- 2 – Baritone B.C.
- 5 – Tuba
- 2 – Percussion:
Glockenspiel
Small Suspended Cymbal
- 1 – Full Conductor's Score

Approximate Performance Time — 4:05

Additional Parts: \$2.00

Additional Scores: \$5.00



THE COMPOSER

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Full Conductor Score

Approx. time -4:00

Prelude on a Gregorian Tune

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Moderately ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 72$)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Piccolo

Flutes 1 2 *p* *mp smoothly* *a2*

Oboes 1 2

Bassoons 1 2

E♭ Clarinet *p*

B♭ Clarinets 1 2 3 *p* *mp smoothly* *a2*

E♭ Alto Clarinet *p*

B♭ Bass Clarinet *p*

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2 *a2* *p*

B♭ Tenor Saxophone *p*

E♭ Baritone Saxophone *p*

Moderately ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 72$) Mute *p*

B♭ Cornets 1 2 3

F Horns 1 2

Baritone

Trombones 1 2 3

Tuba

Glockenspiel *mf* Glock. Metal btr.

Percussion

Small Susp. Cym.

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8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Cors. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Bar.

Trbs. 1 2 3

Tuba

Perc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

p

Mute

p

mf

GB840

[illegible]

28 29 30 31 32 33 34

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Cors. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Bar.

Trbs. 1 2 3

Tuba

Perc.

mf

mp

1. *mf*

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score, page 8, showing measures 28 through 34. The score is for a large ensemble, including woodwinds, brass, and percussion. The woodwind section includes Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboes (1 and 2), Bassoons (1 and 2), E♭ Clarinet, Clarinets (1, 2, and 3), Alto Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1 and 2), Tenor Saxophone, and Baritone Saxophone. The brass section includes Corsos (1, 2, and 3), Horns (1 and 2), Baritone, Trumpets (1, 2, and 3), and Tuba. The percussion section is also present. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *mp* (mezzo-piano). The Piccolo part is mostly rests. The Flutes and Oboes have melodic lines. The Bassoons and E♭ Clarinet have sustained notes. The Clarinets have a melodic line starting in measure 32. The Alto and Bass Clarinets have sustained notes. The Alto Saxophones have a melodic line starting in measure 33. The Tenor and Baritone Saxophones have sustained notes. The Corsos and Horns have sustained notes. The Baritone, Trumpets, and Tuba have sustained notes. The Percussion part has a rhythmic pattern.

35 36 37 38 39 40 41

Picc. 1 2

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

E♭ Cl. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

A. Cl. 1 2

B. Cl. 1 2

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax. 1 2

Bar. Sax. 1 2

Cors. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Bar. 1 2 3

Trbs. 1 2 3

Tuba 1 2 3

Perc. 1 2 3

mf *cresc.* *mf* *a2* *mf* *p* *cresc.* *mf*

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a symphony orchestra, covering measures 35 through 41. The score is written for a large ensemble, including Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboes (1 and 2), Bassoons (1 and 2), E♭ Clarinets (1 and 2), Clarinets (1, 2, and 3), Alto Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1 and 2), Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Corsos (1, 2, and 3), Horns (1 and 2), Baritone, Trumpets (1, 2, and 3), Tuba, and Percussion. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Measure 38 is highlighted with a box containing the number 38. The percussion part at the bottom shows a rhythmic pattern with a crescendo leading to a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The woodwinds and strings also have specific dynamics and articulations marked throughout the measures.

42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Picc. *f* *dim.* *p* *Soli*

Fls. 1 *f* *dim.* *p* *mp* *a2* *Soli*

Obs. 1 *f* *dim.* *p* *mp* *a2* *Soli*

Bsns. 1 *f* *mf* *dim.* *p* *mp* *Soli*

E♭ Cl. *f* *dim.* *p* *mp* *Soli*

Cls. 1 *f* *dim.* *p*

2 *f* *dim.* *p*

3 *f* *dim.* *p*

A. Cl. *f* *dim.* *mf*

B. Cl. *f* *dim.* *mf*

A. Saxes. 1 *f* *dim.*

2 *f* *dim.*

T. Sax. *f* *mf*

Bar. Sax. *f* *mf*

Cors. 1 *f* *Straight Mutes*

2 *a2* *Straight Mutes*

3 *f*

Hns. 1 *a2*

2 *f*

Bar. *f*

Trbs. 1 *f*

2 *f*

3 *f*

Tuba *f*

Perc.

49 50 51 52 53 54 55

Picc. *mp* *cresc.*

Fls. 1 2 *cresc.*

Obs. 1 2 *cresc.*

Bsns. 1 2 *p* *cresc.*

E♭ Cl. *cresc.*

Cls. 1 *div.* *p* *very smoothly* *cresc.*

2 3 *p* *very smoothly* *cresc.*

A. Cl. *p* *cresc.*

B. Cl. *p* *cresc.*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *p* *cresc.*

T. Sax. *p* *cresc.*

Bar. Sax. *p* *cresc.*

49 Cors. 1 *div.* *p* *very smoothly* *cresc.*

2 3 *div.* *p* *very smoothly* *cresc.*

Hns. 1 2 *p* *cresc.*

Bar. *p* *cresc.*

Trbs. 1 *p* *cresc.*

2 3 *p* *cresc.*

Tuba *p* *cresc.*

Perc.

56 57 58 59 60 61 62

Picc. *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Fls. 1 *div.* *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

2 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Obs. 1 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

2 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Bsns. 1 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

2 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

E♭ Cl. *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Cl. 1 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

2 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

3 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

A. Cl. *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

B. Cl. *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

A. Saxes. 1 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

2 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

T. Sax. *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Bar. Sax. *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Cors. 1 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

2 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

3 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Hns. 1 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

2 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Bar. *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Trbs. 1 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

2 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

3 *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Tuba *sub. p cresc.* *mf* *sub. p cresc.*

Perc.

63 64 65 66 67 68 69

Picc. *mf* *p*

Fls. 1 *mf* *mp* *Soli*

2 *mf* *mp*

Obs. 1 *mf* *p*

2 *mf* *p*

Bsns. 1 *mf* *p*

2 *mf* *p*

E♭ Cl. *mf* *p*

1 *mf* *Unis.* *p*

2 *mf* *p*

3 *mf* *p*

A. Cl. *mf* *p*

B. Cl. *mf* *p*

A. Saxs. 1 *mf* *mp* *Unis.*

2 *mf* *p*

T. Sax. *mf* *p*

Bar. Sax. *mf* *p*

Cors. 1 *mf* *p* *Unis.*

2 *mf* *p*

3 *mf* *p*

Hns. 1 *a2* *mf* *p*

2 *mf* *p*

Bar. *mf* *p*

Trbs. 1 *mf* *p*

2 *mf* *p*

3 *mf* *p*

Tuba *mf* *p*

Perc. *mp* *l.v.*

70 71 72 73 74 75 76

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

E♭ Cl.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Cors. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Bar.

Trbs. 1 2 3

Tuba

Perc.

77 78 79 80 81 82

Picc. *f*

Fls. 1 2 *a2*

Obs. 1 2 *a2*

Bsns. 1 2 *f* *sim.*

E♭ Cl. *f* *sim.* *div.*

Cls. 1 2 3 *f* *a2* *f*

A. Cl. *f* *sim.*

B. Cl. *f* *sim.*

A. Saxs. 1 2 *f* *a2* *sim.*

T. Sax. *f* *sim.*

Bar. Sax. *f* *sim.*

Cors. 1 2 3 *f* *Opt. Solo* *f* *others* *a2* *sim.*

Hns. 1 2 *f* *sim.*

Bar. *f* *sim.*

Trbs. 1 2 3 *f* *sim.*

Tuba *f* *sim.*

Perc.

83 84 85 86 87 88 89

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

E♭ Cl.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxs. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tutti div.

Cors. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Bar.

Trbs. 1 2 3

Tuba

Perc.

Unis.

Stopped + Open

f

a2

Detailed description: This page of a musical score covers measures 83 through 89. The instrumentation includes Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboes (1 and 2), Bassoons (1 and 2), E♭ Clarinet, Clarinets (1, 2, and 3), Alto Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1 and 2), Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Corsos (1, 2, and 3), Horns (1 and 2), Baritone, Trumpets (1, 2, and 3), Tuba, and Percussion. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The score features a variety of musical notations, including eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as 'f' (forte) and 'Unis.' (unison). Performance instructions like 'Tutti div.' and 'Stopped + Open' are present for the Horns. The woodwinds and strings play melodic lines, while the brass and percussion provide harmonic support and rhythmic patterns.

90 91 92 93 94 95

Picc. *dim.* *p* *Soli a2* *p*

Fls. 1 *dim.* *p* *mp* *p*

2 *dim.* *p* *mp* *p*

Obs. 1 *dim.* *p* *mp* *p*

2 *dim.* *p* *mp* *p*

Bsns. 1 *mf* *p* *p* *p*

2 *mf* *p* *p* *p*

E♭ Cl. *dim.* *p* *mp* *p*

1 *dim.* *p* *mp* *p*

2 *dim.* *p* *mp* *p*

3 *dim.* *p* *mp* *p*

A. Cl. *mf* *p* *p* *p*

B. Cl. *mf* *p* *p* *p*

A. Saxes. 1 *dim.* *p* *p* *p*

2 *dim.* *p* *p* *p*

T. Sax. *mf* *p* *p* *p*

Bar. Sax. *mf* *p* *p* *p*

92

Cors. 1 *Straight Mutes* *div.* *p* *very smoothly* *p*

2 *Straight Mutes* *div.* *p* *very smoothly* *p*

3 *Straight Mutes* *div.* *p* *very smoothly* *p*

Hns. 1 *p* *p* *p* *p*

2 *p* *p* *p* *p*

Bar. *p* *p* *p* *p*

Trbs. 1 *p* *p* *p* *p*

2 *a2* *p* *p* *p*

3 *p* *p* *p* *p*

Tuba *p* *p* *p* *p*

Perc. *p* *Small Susp. Cym.* *Soft Mallets* *p* *mf*

This musical score page, numbered 18, contains measures 96 through 101. It is written for a large orchestra with multiple staves for each instrument family. The instruments listed on the left are Piccolo (Picc.), Flutes (Fls. 1 and 2), Oboes (Obs. 1 and 2), Bassoons (Bsns. 1 and 2), E-flat Clarinets (Eb Cl.), Clarinets in C (Cls. 1, 2, and 3), Alto Clarinet (A. Cl.), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophones (A. Saxes. 1 and 2), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.), Baritone Saxophone (Bar. Sax.), Corsos (1, 2, and 3), Horns (Hns. 1 and 2), Baritone (Bar.), Trumpets (Trbs. 1, 2, and 3), Tuba, Percussion (Perc.), and GB840 (likely Gong/Bell).

The score features a variety of musical notations including notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The dynamics *cresc.* (crescendo) and *sub. p* (subito piano) are used frequently across the staves. Measure 100 includes a *div.* (divisi) marking for the Flutes. The bottom of the page shows a series of horizontal lines with dynamic markings *p*, *mf*, and *p* underneath, possibly indicating a piano accompaniment or a specific performance instruction.

102 103 104 105 106 107

Picc. *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Fls. 1 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

2 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Obs. 1 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

2 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Bsns. 1 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

2 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

E♭ Cl. *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

1 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

2 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

3 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

A. Cl. *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

B. Cl. *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

A. Saxes. 1 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

2 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

T. Sax. *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Bar. Sax. *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Cors. 1 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

2 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

3 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Hns. 1 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

2 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Bar. *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Trbs. 1 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

2 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

3 *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Tuba *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

Perc. *mf* *sub. p* *cresc.*

GB840

108 109 110 111 112 113

Picc. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Fls. 1 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Obs. 1 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Bsns. 1 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

E♭ Cl. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Cl. 1 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

2 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

3 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

A. Cl. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

B. Cl. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

A. Sax. 1 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

2 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

T. Sax. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Bar. Sax. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Cors. 1 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *p* *poco rit.* 1.

2 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

3 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Hns. 1 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

2 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Bar. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Trbs. 1 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

2 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

3 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Tuba *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

Perc. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* 1.

GB840 *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rit.* *pp* *l.v.*

114 In tempo ♩ = ca. 72
Solo (with Cornet)

Picc. *mf legato*

Fls. 1 *p dim.* *pp* *a2* *a2 p*

Obs. 1 *p dim.* *pp* *a2* *p*

Bsns. 1 *p dim.* *pp* *a2* *p*

E♭ Cl. *p dim.* *pp* *p* *div.*

Cls. 1 *p dim.* *pp* *p*

2 *p dim.*

3 *p dim.*

A. Cl. *p dim.* *pp* *p*

B. Cl. *p dim.* *pp* *p*

A. Saxes. 1 *p dim.* *pp* *p*

2 *p dim.*

T. Sax. *p dim.* *pp* *p*

Bar. Sax. *p dim.* *pp* *p*

114 In tempo ♩ = ca. 72
1. Solo Muted (with Picc.)

Cors. 1 *mf legato* *div. p* *Muted* *1. Solo*

2 *Muted*

3 *p*

Hns. 1 (1.) *p dim.* *pp* *a2* *p*

2 *p*

Bar. *p*

Trbs. 1 *p*

2 *p*

3 *p*

Tuba *p*

Perc. *p*

121 122 123 124 125 126

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

E♭ Cl.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Cors. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Bar.

Trbs. 1 2 3

Tuba

Perc.

p

div.

127 128 129 130 131 132 133

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

E♭ Cl.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Cors. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Bar.

Trbs. 1 2 3

Tuba

Perc.

Tutti div.

p *mf* *pp*