

Coventry Carol

TRADITIONAL Arranged by RALPH FORD (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B Clarinet
- 2 B♭ Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 El Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B, Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: G, C)
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2 (Triangle, Suspended Cymbal)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Cle

Tuba in E Bass Clef

Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in B♭ Bass Clef

Tuba in B Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Coventry Carol was composed sometime in the 15th or 16th century during the period of Renaissance, and was named after the city of Coventry, England. The lyrics, as depicted in *The Pageant of the Shearmen and the Tailors*, depicts Herod's slaughter of the innocent.

Lully, Lullay, Thou tiny little Child, By, by, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do, For to preserve this day This poor Youngling for Whom we sing By, by, Jully, Jullay?

Herod the king, in his raging, Charged he hath this day His men of might, in his own sight, All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee! And ever morn and day For Thy parting neither say nor sing, By, by, lully, lullay.

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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This setting is based in C minor and may introduce the concert pitch accidentals Al and B (natural) to your beginning students. The tempo marked is for reference only; the director may choose another tempo more suited for the ensemble. Take care in noting all slurs and articulations throughout the piece. Be sure that the students do not slur all notes together; that is, that they rearticulate where notated. The last five bars are should be played rubato.

It is my hope that this arrangement suites your holiday performance needs while providing reinforcement of important musical concepts.



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