

March from First Suite for Military Band

GUSTAV HOLST (1874–1934) Arranged by MICHAEL STORY (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 6 E 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 B¹ Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2 (Suspended Cymbal, Triangle

WORLD PARTS

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Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in E Bass Clef

Tuba in E Treble Clef

Tuba in B_b Bass Clef

Tuba in B, Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Gustav Holst's "First Suite in E_b for Military Band" was composed in 1909; however, it was not premiered until 1920. It was one of the first pieces written exclusively for military bands. Most of the pieces played by bands at that time were transcriptions of orchestral music. The suite contains three movements: "Chaconne," "Intermezzo," and "March." This arrangement is based on the second theme of the "March," a very lyrical melody reminiscent of British folk music.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

March from "First Suite for Military Band" is based on the second theme of the "March"—the third movement of Holst's masterwork. The melody is presented in two styles: the first lyrical and the second marcato. In the marcato section, the notes are to be played with emphasis and with separation.

In the sections at measures 57 and 73, make sure the melody in the flutes, oboes, clarinets, and alto and tenor saxes is heard over the trumpet/horn countermelody. If you have a large trumpet section, you may need to adjust the volumes.

The low brass and woodwind parts have basically the same line written in octaves. Again, if you have many players, you may need to reduce the volume of these parts, especially in measures 9 through 32.

I hope you and your students find *March from "First Suite for Military Band"* to be an exciting and worthwhile musical experience!

Michael Story





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