

Two Shaker Songs

Featuring I. Simple Gifts and II. Pretty Home

Mvt. I: JOSEPH BRACKETT

Mvt. II: PATSY WILLIAMSON

Arranged by MICHAEL STORY (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B_b Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bly 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
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Bells/Xylophone)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: C, E)
- 2 Percussion 1

(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

4 Percussion 2

(Triangle/Tambourine, Suspended

Cymbal/Shaker)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in E-Bass Clef Tuba in E-Treble Clef Tuba in B-Bass Clef

Tuba in B, Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

The Shakers were a religious sect founded on the teachings of Ann Lee. Among their beliefs was that of gender equality. Started in 1747, the Shakers moved from England to America in 1774. Their numbers peaked at 6,000 members in 1840, yet only three members remained in 2009.

Music and dance were an integral part of Shaker worship services. "Simple Gifts," although very lyrical in nature, was actually a dance song composed by Elder Joseph Brackett in Alfred, Maine, in 1848. The song was made famous by its inclusion in Aaron Copland's ballet, *Appalachian Spring*.

Patsy Williamson was a former slave from North Carolina who moved to Kentucky to spend the rest of her life as a Shaker. She composed the song "Pretty Home" in 1849.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

One of the most important keys to a successful performance of *Two Shaker Songs* is dynamic balance between the sections of your ensemble. You may need to adjust the written dynamic levels to fit your instrumentation, especially in "Simple Gifts."

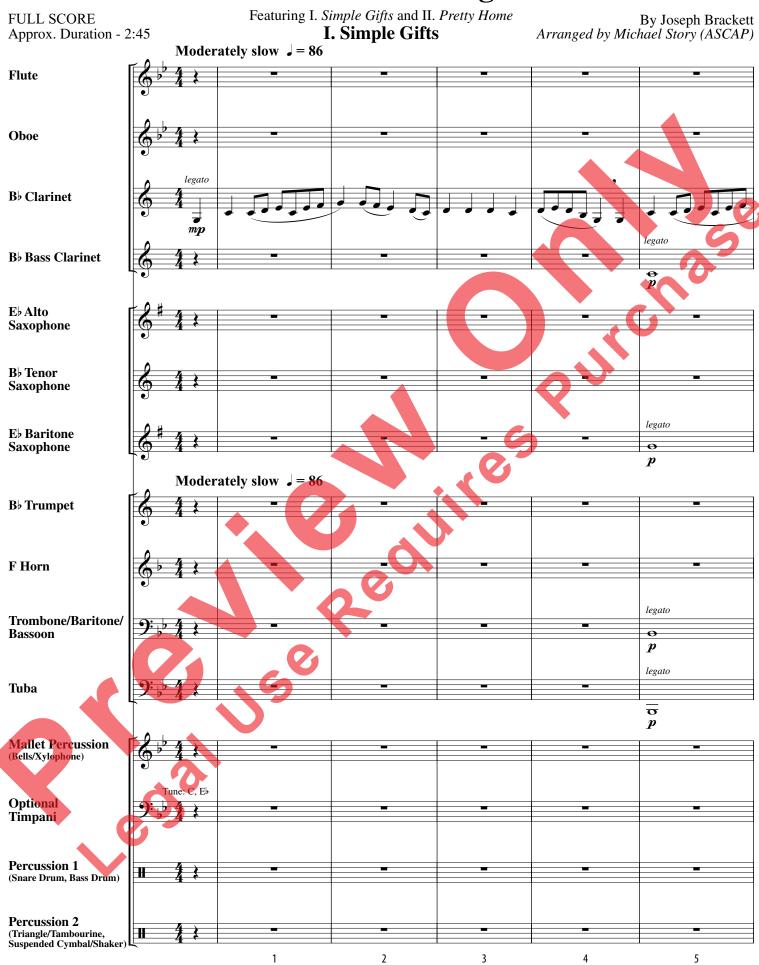
I hope you and your students find Two Shaker Songs to be an exciting and worthwhile musical experience!

Michael Story





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II. Pretty Home







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