



Christmas Morning

(Around the Christmas Tree)

Arranged by GENE MILFORD

Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Flute 1	4
Flute 2	4
Oboe	2
B♭ Clarinet 1	4
B♭ Clarinet 2	4
B♭ Clarinet 3	4
Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	2
Alto Saxophone 1	2
Alto Saxophone 2	2
Tenor Saxophone	2
Baritone Saxophone	2
B♭ Trumpet 1	4
B♭ Trumpet 2	4
B♭ Trumpet 3	4
Horn in F 1	2
Horn in F 2	2
Trombone 1	3
Trombone 2	3
Euphonium	3
Baritone T.C.	2
Tuba	4
Timpani (F: B♭: C: E♭)	2
Mallets	2
Bells, Xylophone	2
Percussion 1	2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2	8
Crash Cymbals, Sleigh Bells, Toy Trumpet, Triangle, Ride Cymbal, Suspended Cymbal, Wood Block, Slide Whistle	



ABOUT THE ARRANGER



Gene Milford, a native of Canton, Ohio, is a Senior Lecturer in Music at The University of Akron. He holds degrees from Kent State University including a Masters of Arts in Music History and a PhD in Music Education.

A public school, instrumental, music educator with 30 years of experience, his ensembles consistently receive superior ratings at adjudicated events and are performed at state and national professional conferences. Dr. Milford has served as guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator and presented clinic sessions at regional and national conferences. His articles on music education have appeared in *Triad*, *The Instrumentalist*, *Dialogues in Instrumental Music Education*, and *Contributions to Music Education*.

As a composer and arranger, he has received numerous commissions, grants, and awards and has more than 100 published works for band, orchestra, choir, and small ensembles. Many of his compositions appear on state required lists. His professional affiliations include the Ohio Music Education Association, where he has served as a district president and on numerous committees at both the district and state level; American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA), having served as state chair, National Band Association, Phi Beta Mu, Phi Kappa Lambda, and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), having received the ASCAP Plus Award. He was the 2006 inductee to the Ohio Band Directors Hall of Fame.

CHRISTMAS MORNING (AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE)

Christmas Morning (Around the Christmas Tree) is a miniature tone poem describing the night before Christmas and the excitement of that special morning. Santa and his sleigh disappear leaving only the distant sound of his sleigh bells. The children are asleep but wake to see the Christmas tree and the gifts left by Santa. Three contrasting settings of Victor Herbert's *Toyland* are introduced, as well as *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers* by Leon Jessel, with snippets from Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker* and familiar carols.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Multiple Sleigh Bells should be used at M.3 with bells gradually eliminated in the following measures. The bells could also be played by several wind players in the ensemble.

At M.108, 116 – 118 it is suggested that several toy sounds may be substituted for the indicated instruments at the discretion of the director (ratchet, doll cry, toy trumpet, etc.).



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Around the Christmas Tree

Full Score

Allegretto (M.M.  = c. 112)

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17 **meno mosso**

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1

B $\flat$ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B $\flat$ Tpt. 1

B $\flat$ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Allegro ♩ = 120 22

Fl. 1, 2 *f*

Ob. *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 2, 3 *f*

B. Cl. *f*

Bsn. *f*

A. Sax. 1, 2 *f*

T. Sax. *f*

B. Sax. *f* Play

Allegro ♩ = 120 22

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3 *f*

Hn. 1, 2 *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

Timp. *f*

Mal. *p*

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *f*

Cr. Cym. *f*

Sus. Cym. *mf*

S. Bells

Tri. *p*

19 20 21 22 23 24

36

Fl. 1, 2

mp

Ob.

mp

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

36

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Christmas Morning - Full Score

9

[illegible]

49

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58 Swing! $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = \text{♩} = 132$

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1

B $\flat$ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B $\flat$ Tpt. 1

B $\flat$ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Ride Cym.

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64

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

64

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68

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

68

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

[illegible]

L'istesso Tempo $\text{♩} = 116 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

81

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

L'istesso Tempo $\text{♩} = 116 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Click sticks

W.B.

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79

80

81

82

83

84

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

91 92 93 94 95 96

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

97 102

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

97 102

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Cr. Cym.

97 98 99 100 101 102

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rall. *a tempo*

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

rall. *a tempo*

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Slide whistle

103

104

105

106

107

108

109

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

109

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Cr. Cym.

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115 119

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

115 119

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Tri.

Toy Trumpet

Cr. Cym.

115 116 117 118 119 120 121

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127 *rit.*

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

122 123 124 125 126 127 128

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136

139 March $\text{♩} = 116$
Tutti

4

Fl. 1, 2 *p* *pp* *ff*

Ob. *p* *pp* *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *p* *pp* *ff*

B♭ Cl. 2, 3 *pp* *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

Bsn. *ff*

A. Sax. 1, 2 *ff* Tutti

T. Sax. *ff* Tutti

B. Sax. *ff*

139 March $\text{♩} = 116$

B♭ Tpt. 1 *ff*

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3 *ff*

Hn. 1, 2 *ff*

Tbn. 1, 2 *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Timp. *ff*

Mal. *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff*

Tri. *p*

S. Bells *p*

Cr. Cym. *ff*