Variants on a Celtic Folk Tune

TRADITIONAL Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B_b Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb 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: F, Bb)
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2 (Triangle/Suspended Cymba

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Eb Bass Clef Tuba in Eb Treble Clef Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Bh Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Based on the nineteenth-century Irish folk song, "I Know Where I'm Going," this work is a natural choice for players just beginning their instrumental music education. With a range of five notes, and rhythm limiting itself to only quarter and half notes, the tune fits quite comfortably under the fingers.

Performances through the years by popular artists have made this gentle ballad an endearing favorite for audiences far and wide, most notably the Burl Ives recording in the early 1940s.

I know where I'm going,
Iknow who's going with me,
I know who I love,
But the dear knows who I'll marry.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Much use of ostinato and repeated figures add to the ease at which your students should be able to quickly prepare this selection for concert presentation. Each part requires only 4 or 5 notes, and there is no subdivision of the beat (except for the occasional eighth notes in the snare drum part). Be sure that players are giving all quarter notes their full value, especially when a quarter rest follows them. The release must come on the quarter rest and not before. If breath control surfaces as a concern, the tempo could be increased to 96 or 100 while still maintaining the musical integrity of the work.



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