BELWIN VERY BEGINNING BAND KIT #4

A Complete Concert Including

- I. RUSSIAN FOLK DANCE
- II. POPCORN
- III. LULLABY
- IV. MARCH OF THE MIDGETS

JACK BULLOCK (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in Bb Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- I Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- I Optional Timpani
- 2 Percussion I

(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

- 2 Percussion 2
 - (I. Suspended Cymbal;
 - II. Claves, Cowbell;
 - III. Suspended Cymbal;
 - IV. Crash Cymbals)

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_b Bass Clef

Tuba in B♭ Treble Clef





The Belwin Very Beginning Band Kit #4 contains four grade-one half selections composed or arranged by Jack Bullock, and is a single publication that can be used as a complete concert program or as supplemental material for the very beginning band. Each of the selections is written in a different musical style, and will give variety to any concert in addition to broadening the learning experience of your students.

I. RUSSIAN FOLK DANCE

PROGRAM NOTES

Russian Folk Dance was written by Ludwig von Beethoven and was adapted in this arrangement by Jack Bullock for the very beginning band. This cheery music is very rhythmical and presents the picture of the dance, as indicated by the title. It is fun to play and makes a wonderful beginning to any concert.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The tempo marking given in the score may be adjusted to meet the ability of the band performers, but keep the feeling light and moving. The eighth note patterns should be played evenly to give the "folk dance" feeling. Strive for a balanced band sound throughout. Feel free to adjust the dynamic levels as needed.

II. POPCORN

PROGRAM NOTES

Can't you just smell that familiar aroma? It's *Popcorn* all right, which is just the "ticket" for gatherings such as concerts and athletic events. Listen closely and you will hear the kernels popping away. The percussion section leads the way on this number, although every band member gets in on the fun.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

If you have a large number of beginning percussion students in your band, this number will give them all a part to play. After assigning the percussion parts listed on the score (snare drum, bass drum, claves and cow bell), give the remaining percussion players any percussion instrument (i.e. triangle, woodblock, tenor drum, suspended cymbal, etc.) and assign them to one of the two parts of percussion 2. Everybody plays and everybody has fun!

Note: Before the first rehearsal with this number, review D.C. al Coda with your band members as it is included in this piece.

III. LULLABY

PROGRAM NOTES

The clarinet section is heard front and center in this melodious slow selection. The band gives support throughout, but the wonderful, clear clarinet tone heard playing the melody is the main ingredient in this soothing composition.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The clarinet section is the main consideration here, especially the balance of the section with the rest of the band. You may have to adjust the volume markings to achieve a suitable balance. The tempo is slow (but not dragging) with a slight ritard at the ending to complete the presentation. D.S. al Coda is used in this composition and you will want to review this marking and the difference between it and the D.C. used in the previous piece with the band prior to the first rehearsal.

IV MARCH OF THE MIDGETS

PROGRAM NOTES

March of the Midgets contains a strong melody and a rhythmical background, the recipe for any good march. This style of music has always been a favorite of audiences everywhere and is the final selection given at many concerts. Tap your feet (or at least your big toe) if you want.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Feel free to adjust the tempo marking and the dynamic levels indicated in the score to the ability level of your band members. Keep the pulse steady and the rhythms crisp. But most of all, have fun with this piece.

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1. Russian Folk Dance













2. Popcorn











3. Lullaby (Featuring the Clarinet section)

Full Score Duration - 2:00

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4. March of the Midgets

Full Score Duration - 1:15 Jack Bullock (ASCAP)



















