

Gay Holmes Spears

INTO THE AGES

*Commissioned by the Francis M. Scala Fund at the
Library of Congress in celebration of the
Bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln*

INSTRUMENTATION

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| 1 – Conductor | 1 – F Horn 2 |
| 5 – Flute 1 | 1 – F Horn 3 |
| 5 – Flute 2 | 1 – F Horn 4 |
| 1 – Piccolo | 2 – Trombone 1 |
| 2 – Oboe | 2 – Trombone 2 |
| 2 – Bassoon | 2 – Trombone 3 |
| 4 – B $\flat$ Clarinet 1 | 2 – Euphonium TC |
| 4 – B $\flat$ Clarinet 2 | 2 – Euphonium BC |
| 4 – B $\flat$ Clarinet 3 | 4 – Tuba |
| 2 – B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet | 2 – Timpani, Suspended |
| 3 – E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone 1 | Cymbal |
| 3 – E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone 2 | 2 – Orchestra Bells, Suspended |
| 2 – B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone | Cymbal |
| 2 – E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone | 2 – Percussion 1 (2 Players) |
| 3 – B $\flat$ Trumpet 1 | <i>Snare Drum, Triangle</i> |
| 3 – B $\flat$ Trumpet 2 | <i>(mounted), Bass Drum</i> |
| 3 – B $\flat$ Trumpet 3 | 1 – Percussion 2 |
| 1 – F Horn 1 | <i>3 TomToms</i> |

Program Notes

“Now he belongs to the ages.” — Abraham Lincoln’s Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton, upon Lincoln’s passing into death.

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States, serving from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. Lincoln led the United States through its Civil War—its bloodiest war and its greatest moral, constitutional and political crisis. In doing so, he preserved the Union, abolished slavery and strengthened the federal government.

In the piece, the first section (measures 1-8) is a representation of Lincoln as a young man. The flute solo and first clarinets over a spare clarinet accompaniment represents his life on the prairies of Illinois. The chord progression found in measures 1-8 is repeated with variants throughout the composition; thus portions of the piece form a type of chaconne. The three opening notes are A-flat, B-flat, E-flat (spelling “Abe.”)

In measures 9-79, Lincoln runs for office, sometimes successfully and sometimes not. A five-note motive, stated at measures 19-20 (see horns), is in the rhythm of speech as if speaking the words “Abraham Lincoln.” Again the first three notes are A-flat, B-flat, E-flat.

Lincoln was elected as president, but not without many people being angry and upset over the election. Beginning at measures 79-80, there are hints of battle and conflict as the battle songs of both sides of the war are stated: “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “Dixie.” The conflict grows, and citizens of this country fight one another in many bloody battles. The nation was in an extremely discordant state of affairs, represented by the harmony of two diminished chords (see measure 136). The percussion section mimics the sound of guns and artillery through measure 143, ending this section. Lincoln must have felt very sad and conflicted that his country had come to this.

When the war was finally over, Lincoln attempted to make reconciliation for the Confederacy. At measure 144, we hear the two battle songs united in harmony. All seems to be well. But Lincoln is assassinated only days after the peace was declared.

The nation enters mourning in measure 158. Dirgelike music is played as Lincoln’s body travels throughout the nation, and he is laid to rest.

Lincoln overcame many obstacles and personal struggles. This is represented in the closing sections. A reprise of measures 33 and following occurs at measure 180. Beginning at measure 198, marked “triumphantly” is a coda celebrating Abraham Lincoln, who endures forever in the minds of Americans as a great man and one of the greatest American presidents.

Performance Notes

As you perform this highly programmatic piece, strive to portray the mood or description of each section as noted in the score and described in the program notes. Articulations and dynamic markings should be observed accurately for the best performance of the score. Careful balance of melody and accompaniment is important, as is the interplay among voices in the contrapuntal sections. Pay attention to the balance among sections so that color changes can be fully appreciated by the listener.

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The composition was originally commissioned by the Francis M. Scala Fund at the Library of Congress, on the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. This version of the piece was created in 2014 especially for the University City Summer Band under direction of Tom Poshak. The work was also performed by the St. Louis Wind Symphony under Mr. Poshak’s direction in the fall of 2014.

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Moderato (expectantly) • = 72

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9 Allegro ♩ = 144

tutti a2

Fl. 1 2 *f*

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn. *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2 *f*

T. Sax. *f*

Bar. Sax. *f*

9 10 11 12 13 14

Tpt. 1 2 3 *f* *a2*

Hn. 1 2 3 4 *f* *a2*

Tbn. 1 2 3 *f* *a2*

Euph. *f*

Tba. *f*

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells

Sus. Cym. *f* S. D. *f*

Perc. 1 B. D. *f* with hard felt B. D. mallet Tomtoms hard yarn mallets 2

f < *ff* *f* < *ff*

15 16 17 18 19 20

Fl. 1 2 *ff* *p*

Picc. *ff* *p*

Ob. *ff* *p*

Bsn. *ff* *p*

B. Cl. 1 2 3 *ff* *p*

A. Sax. 1 2 *ff*

T. Sax. *ff* *p*

Bar. Sax. *ff* *p*

Tpt. 1 2 3 *ff*

Hn. 1 2 3 4 *ff* *p*

Tbn. 1 2 3 *ff* *p*

Euph. *ff* *p*

Tba. *ff* *p*

Timp. *ff*

Sus. Cym. *ff*

Bells *ff*

Sus. Cym. *p*

Perc. 1 2 *f* *f*

in center of head

in center of head

f

21 27

Fl. 1 2 *mf* *mp* *mf* *a2*

Picc. *p* *mp* *mp* *mf*

Ob. *p* *mp* *mf*

Bsn. *mp* *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp* *mf* *a2*

2 3 *mp* *mp* *mf*

B. Cl. *mp* *mf*

A. Sax. 1 *a2* *p* *mp* *mf*

2 *mp* *mf*

T. Sax. *mp* *mf*

Bar. Sax. *mp* *mf*

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Tpt. 1 *p* *mp* *mf* *a2*

2 3 *mp* *mp* *mf*

Hn. 1 *a2* *mp* *mf* *a2*

2 *mp* *mf*

3 4 *mp* *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mp* *mf* *a2*

2 3 *mp* *mf*

Euph. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

Timp. *mp*

Sus. Cym.

Bells *mp*

Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 *mp*

2 *mf*

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36 41

Fl. 1 2 *mp* *mf*

Picc. *mf*

Ob. *mp* *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp* *mf*

2 3 *a2* *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sax. 1 2 *mp* *mf*

T. Sax. *mf*

Bar. Sax. *mf*

36 37 38 39 40 41 42

Tpt. 1 *mp* *mf*

2 3 *mp* *mf*

Hn. 1 2 *a2* *mp* *mf*

3 4 *a2* *mp* *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

2 3 *mf*

Euph. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

Timp. *mp* *mf*

Sus. Cym. *mp* *mf*

Bells *mp* *mf*

Sus. Cym. *mp* *mf*

Perc. 1 2

This image shows a page of a musical score, likely for a symphony orchestra. The page contains staves for various instruments, including Flute (Fl.), Piccolo (Picc.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Clarinet in B-flat (B♭ Cl.), Clarinet in B-flat (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sax.), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.), Baritone Saxophone (Bar. Sax.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Horn (Hn.), Trombone (Tbn.), Euphonium (Euph.), Tuba (Tba.), Timpani and Snare Drum (Timp. Sus. Cym.), Bells and Snare Drum (Bells Sus. Cym.), and Percussion (Perc.). The score is written in 4/4 time and includes measures 43 through 49. Dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), and *p* (piano) are present. A large diagonal watermark reading "Not for Performance" is overlaid on the page. The page number "49" is visible in the top right corner.

50

Fl. 1 2 *p*

Picc. *p*

Ob. *p*

Bsn. *p*

B. Cl. 1 2 3 *p*

B. Cl. *p*

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax. *p*

50 51 52 53 54 55

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph. *p* B. Cl., Bar. Sax.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym. *p*

Perc. 1 2 *p* Tri.

56 57

Fl.

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

56 57 58 59 60 61 62

Tpt.

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc.

Tri. p

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70 13

Fl. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B^b Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

70 71 72 73 74 75 76

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

solo

L

a2

f

Sus. Cym.

f

77 78 79 **80** 81 82 83 84

Fl. 1 2 *fp* *pp*

Picc. *fp* *f* *ff* *pp*

Ob. *fp* *pp*

Bsn. *fp* *pp*

B^b Cl. 1 *fp* *pp* *mf*

2 3 *fp* *pp* *p* *a2*

B. Cl. *fp* *pp*

A. Sax. 1 2 *fp* *pp*

T. Sax. *fp* *pp*

Bar. Sax. *fp* *pp*

Tpt. 1 *fp* *pp* *mf*

2 3 *fp* *pp* *mf* *p*

Hn. 1 2 *fp* *pp* *pp* *mf*

3 4 *fp* *pp* *pp* *mf*

Tbn. 1 *fp* *pp* *pp* *mf*

2 3 *fp* *pp* *pp* *mf* *a2*

Euph. *fp* *pp* *pp*

Tba. *fp* *pp* *pp*

Timp. *fp* *pp*

Sus. Cym. *fp* *pp*

Bells *fp* *pp*

Sus. Cym. *fp* *pp*

Perc. 1 *f*

2

85 15

Fl. 1 2 *a2* *mf* *p* *f* *tutti*

Picc.

Ob. *p* *mf* *p*

Bsn. *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3 *p* *mf* *p*

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax. *p*

85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92

Tpt. 1 2 3 *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Hn. 1 2 3 4 *p* *mf* *mf*

Tbn. 1 2 3 *p*

Euph. *p*

Tba. *p*

Timp. *p*

Sus. Cym.

Bells *p* *mf*

Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

93 97

Fl. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

near rim

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101 *accel.*

Fl. 1 2 *mp*

Picc. *mp*

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp* *mf*

2 3 *mp* *mf*

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108

Tpt. 1 *mf*

2 3 *mf*

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

112 Agitato $\text{♩} = 104$
Conflict escalates

accel.

109

Fl. 1 2 *p* *mf* *mp*

Picc. *p* *mf* *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp* L *mp* L *mp* R

2 3 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Sax. 1 2 *mp*

T. Sax. *mp*

Bar. Sax. *mp*

109 110 111 **112** 113 114 115

Tpt. 1 *mp*

2 3 *mp*

Hn. 1 *mp*

2 3 4 *mp*

Tbn. 1 *mp* *a2*

2 3 *mp*

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym. *mp*

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 *mp*

2

116 118 $\text{♩} = 112$ *accel.*

Fl. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Picc. *mf* *f*

Ob. *mf* *f*

Bsn. *mp* *mf* *f*

B⁺ Cl. 1 *mf* *f*

2 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mp* *mf* *f*

A. Sax. 1 2 *mp* *mf*

T. Sax. *mp* *mf*

Bar. Sax. *mp* *mf* *f*

116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123

Tpt. 1 *mf*

2 3 *mf*

Hn. 1 2 *mf* *a2*

3 4 *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

2 3 *mf*

Euph. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Sus. Cym. *mf*

Bells *mf*

Sus. Cym. *mf*

Perc. 1 *mf*

2

124 126 $\text{♩} = 120$ *accel.*

Fl. 1 2 *f*

Picc. *f*

Ob. *f*

Bsn. *f*

B $\flat$ Cl. 1 2 3 *f* *a2*

B. Cl. *f* *a2*

A. Sax. 1 2 *f*

T. Sax. *f*

Bar. Sax. *f*

124 125 126 127 128 129 130

Tpt. 1 2 3 *f* *a2*

Hn. 1 2 3 4 *f*

Tbn. 1 2 3 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tba. *f*

Timp. Sus. Cym. *f*

Bells Sus. Cym. *f*

Perc. 1 2 *f* *rim shot* *Toms* *f*

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145 23

Fl. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

145 146 147 148 149 150 151

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

FL. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B⁺ Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

152 153 154 155 156 157

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

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Fl. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B. Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

158 159 160 161 162 163 164

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

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165 166 167 168 169 170 171

Fl. 1 2 *mf* *f* *ff*

Picc. *mf* *f* *ff*

Ob. *mf* *f* *ff*

Bsn. *mf* *f* *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf* *ff* *tutti* R L R
2 3 *mf* *f* *ff* *a2*

B. Cl. *mf* *f* *ff*

A. Sax. 1 *mf* *f* *ff*
2 *mf* *f* *ff* *a2*

T. Sax. *mf* *f* *ff*

Bar. Sax. *mf* *f* *ff*

Tpt. 1 *tutti* *mf* *f* *ff*
2 3 *mf* *f* *ff* *a2*

Hn. 1 2 *mf* *f* *ff*
3 4 *mf* *f* *ff* *a2*

Tbn. 1 *mf* *f* *ff*
2 3 *mf* *f* *ff*

Euph. *mf* *f* *ff*

Tba. *mf* *f* *ff*

Timp. *mf* *f*

Sus. Cym. *mf* *f*

Bells *p* *f* *p* *f*

Sus. Cym. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Perc. 1 *p* *f* *p* *f*
2 *p* *f* *p* *f*

172 *accel.* **174** ♩ = 108 *rit.* 27

Fl. 1 2 *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

Picc. *ff* *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

Ob. *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

Bsn. *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

2 3 *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

B. Cl. *mp* *mf* *mf* *ff*

A. Sax. 1 2 *mp* *mf* *ff* *a2*

T. Sax. *mp* *mf* *ff*

Bar. Sax. *mp* *mf* *ff*

172 173 **174** 175 176 177 178 179

Tpt. 1 *mp* *mf* *ff*

2 3 *mp* *mf* *ff* *a2* *a2*

Hn. 1 2 *mp* *mf* *ff*

3 4 *mp* *mf* *ff*

Tbn. 1 *mp* *ff* *a2*

2 3 *mp* *ff* *a2*

Euph. *ff* *solo* *tutti* *f* *ff*

Tba. *mp* *mf* *ff*

Timp. *f* *mp* *mf* *ff*

Sus. Cym. *f* *mp* *mf* *ff*

Bells *mp* *mf*

Sus. Cym. *mp* *mf*

Perc. 1 *f*

2 *f*

FL. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells

Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

The musical score is for measures 180 through 187. It features a variety of instruments: Flute (FL.), Piccolo (Picc.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), B♭ Clarinet (B♭ Cl.) in three parts, B♭ Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sax.) in two parts, Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.), Baritone Saxophone (Bar. Sax.), Trumpet (Tpt.) in three parts, Horn (Hn.) in four parts, Trombone (Tbn.) in three parts, Euphonium (Euph.), Tuba (Tba.), Timpani and Suspended Cymbal (Timp. Sus. Cym.), Bells, Suspended Cymbal (Sus. Cym.), and Percussion (Perc.) in two parts. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Allegro' with a quarter note equal to 144 beats per minute. Dynamic markings include 'f' (forte) and 'a2' (second octave). The score is watermarked 'Copyrighted material for performance'.

188

Fl. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

188 189 190 191 192 193 194

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

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203 206 31

Fl. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

203 204 205 206 207 208 209

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

210

Fl. 1 2

Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

210 211 212 213 214 215 216

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp. Sus. Cym.

Bells Sus. Cym.

Perc. 1 2

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fp ff p