

# **ALL IS CALM**

## **Based on SILENT NIGHT**

TRADITIONAL
Setting by ROBERT W. SMITH (ASCAP)

#### INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- 8 C Flute/Solo C Flute
- 2 Oboe/Solo Oboe
- 4 Ist B Clarinet/Solo B Clarinet
- 4 2nd B Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet/Solo Bb Bass Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon/Solo Bassoon
- 4 El Alto Saxophone/Solo El Alto Saxophone
- 2 Bly Tenor Saxophone/ Solo Bly Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E♭ Baritone Saxophone/ Solo E♭ Baritone Saxophone

- 4 Ist Bb Trumpet/Solo Bb Trumpet
- 4 2nd B Trumpet
- 4 Horn in F/Solo Horn in F
- 4 Trombone/Solo Trombone
- 2 Baritone/Solo Baritone
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef/ Solo Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba/Solo Tuba
- I Piano
- I Mallet Percussion (Bells/ Solo Marimba or Vibraphone)
- I Timpani
- I Percussion I (Triangle)
- Percussion II (Wind Chimes, Suspended Cymbal)

### WORLD PARTS

- 4 Horn in El/Solo Horn in El
- 3 Trombone in Bb Bass Clef/Solo Trombone in Bb Bass Clef
  - Trombone in Barreble Clef/Solo
    Trombone in Barreble Clef
- 2 Baritone in B Bass Clef/
  - Solo Baritone in B, Bass Clef
  - Tuba in E Bass Clef/
  - Solo Tuba in E Bass Clef
  - Tuba in El Treble Clef/
  - Solo Tuba in E⊦Treble Clef
- Tuba in B♭ Bass Clef/
  - Solo Tuba in B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clef
  - Tuba in B, Treble Clef/ Solo Tuba in B, Treble Clef

#### **PROGRAM NOTES**

No matter what our cultural background, the holiday season is the time of the year when we all reflect upon the joys in our lives. During those very quiet and reflective moments, we experience inner peace—peace that allows us to recognize all that is good and beautiful in our world. Featuring a soloist with band, "All is Calm" celebrates the beauty and joys of the holiday season.

#### NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

"All is Calm" has been scored to provide the greatest flexibility in the selection of the soloist for the performance. I have provided solo parts for each wind instrument in the band. In addition, a mallet percussion solo part is included. If mallet soloist is selected, please note that a marimba or vibraphone is preferred. A xylophone should be used only with the softest of mallets.

You may also wish to consider using multiple soloists for the performance. I have found that students will practice with utmost intensity for an opportunity to solo with the band. If you opt for the multiple soloist approach, I suggest that the first performer play through measure 32. The second soloist begins in measure 36 and plays through measure 52. A final soloist enters at measure 53 and plays to the end of the piece.

Please note that the opening and closing wind effects should represent the coldest of winter winds. This effect will require more of a "ssss" as opposed to a "shhh." The wind should also be rather light. Avoid a blizzard at all costs!

Finally, the piano part should be approaced as a collaborative soloist rather than only an accompanist. This approach will require musical interaction between the pianist and soloist. I hope that the rehearsal and performance of this work will help enlighten your students on the joys and benefits of solo performance as they continue to develop as musicians.

I hope you, your band, and your audience find "All is Calm" to be a wonderful moment in your holiday performance. As always, I wish you the very best in your teaching endeavors.



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