

# VERY BEGINNING BAND

# SIMPLE GIFTS

TRADITIONAL Arranged by JACK BULLOCK (ASCAP)

## INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- I0 C Flute
- 2 Oboe
- I0 B<sup>,</sup> Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 6 E Alto Saxophone
- 4 B, Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B<sup>,</sup> Trumpet

- 4 Horn in F
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/ Bassoon
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- I Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 2 Percussion I (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion II (Suspended Cymbal)

- WORLD PARTS
- Horn in E

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- Trombone in B, Treble Clef
- 2 Tuba in B<sup>1</sup> Treble Clef
- 2 Tuba in El Treble Clef

## PROGRAM NOTES

"Simple Gifts" is an American folk song steeped in tradition with a plaintive melody. It has been used by many composers in many different settings, including the symphonic setting used by Aaron Copland. This arrangement was written for very young concert band in a straightforward manner, allowing the flowing melody of sheer splendor to dominate.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The theme of the song must dominate throughout the arrangement. The tempo suggested will help keep the melody flowing, although a slower tempo at first rehearsal may be necessary for young performers.

You may wish to show the performers how the melody is structured in the arrangement first with the flute, oboe, and trumpet and then with the flute, oboe, and clarinet after four measures, and trace the melody throughout the entire arrangement in this manner. Feel free to change the dynamic markings to ensure good balance throughout.

The repeat sign in measure 36 may be omitted if performer endurance wanes at this early stage of student instruction.

**Please note**: Our band and orchestra music is now being collated by an automatic high-speed system. The enclosed parts are now sorted by page count, rather than score order. We hope this will not present any difficulty for you in distributing the parts. Thank you for your understanding.





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#### CONDUCTOR

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