

AESOP'S FABLES

By Scott Watson

AESOP'S FABLES, for narrator and band, musically portrays four tales attributed to the ancient moralist. The first two movements, "The Hare and The Tortoise" and "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" are based on two of Aesop's better-known stories. "The Hare and The Tortoise" is a fast, chromatic *caccia* with a slight pause in the activity for a certain overconfident rabbit's brief nap! In "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" the calm musical accompaniment provides a haunting counterpoint with the fatal drama. The latter two movements, "The Dog and The Bone" and "The Wolf and His Shadow" are settings of two of Aesop's lesser-known fables. "The Dog and The Bone" is a brief, transparently scored instrumental sigh that mirrors the story's moral: the disappointment of coveting. The final movement, "The Wolf and His Shadow" features the happy gigue of a wolf that mistakes his long shadow for actual stature and struts about in unfounded pride. Much to the wolf's dismay, it is the true king of beasts, the lion, who takes the last promenade!

The text is from *The Best of Aesop's Fables* retold by Margaret Clark and illustrated by Charlotte Voake, Copyright in 1990 Margaret Clark (Walker Books Limited, London, published in the USA by Little, Brown & Co., Inc.).

Instrumentation

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 — Conductor Score | 2 — 1st Trombone |
| 5 — Piccolo/1st Flute | 2 — 2nd Trombone |
| 5 — 2nd Flute | 2 — 3rd Trombone |
| 2 — Oboe | 2 — Baritone B.C. |
| 2 — Bassoon | 2 — Baritone T.C. |
| 4 — 1st B \flat Clarinet | 4 — Tuba |
| 4 — 2nd B \flat Clarinet | 1 — String Bass |
| 4 — 3rd B \flat Clarinet | Percussion – 7 players: |
| 1 — E \flat Alto Clarinet | 3 — Mallet Percussion |
| 2 — B \flat Bass Clarinet | (Orchestra Bells,
Vibraphone/Xylophone) |
| 2 — 1st E \flat Alto Saxophone | 3 — Percussion 1 (Snare Drum/
Slap Stick or Whip/Tam-
Tam, Bass Drum/Claves/
Crash Cymbals) |
| 2 — 2nd E \flat Alto Saxophone | 2 — Percussion 2 (Triangle/
Tam-Tam/Wind Chimes/
Tambourine/Sleigh Bells,
Suspended Cymbal) |
| 2 — B \flat Tenor Saxophone | 1 — Timpani |
| 1 — E \flat Baritone Saxophone | 1 — Narrator |
| 3 — 1st B \flat Trumpet | |
| 3 — 2nd B \flat Trumpet | |
| 3 — 3rd B \flat Trumpet | |
| 1 — 1st F Horn | |
| 1 — 2nd F Horn | |
| 1 — 3rd F Horn | |
| 1 — 4th F Horn | |

Please note: Our band and orchestra music is now being collated by an automated 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.



Aesop's Fables

FULL SCORE
Duration - 10:00

Scott Watson
(Text settings by Margaret Clark,
used with permission)

I. The Hare and The Tortoise

Vivo! ♩ = 144
Fl. 1, Picc.

Piccolo, Flutes

Oboe

Bassoon

B♭ Clarinets

E♭ Alto Clarinet

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophones

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

Narrator

B♭ Trumpets

F Horns

Trombones

Baritone

Bass
(String Bass [8va])

Mallet Percussion
(Orchestra Bells,
Vibraphone/Xylophone)

Percussion 1
(S.D./Slap Stick or Whip/
Tam-Tam, B.D./Claves/
Crash Cymbals)

Percussion 2
(Triangle/Tam-Tam/
Wind Chimes/Tambourine/
Sleigh Bells, Sus. Cym.)

Timpani

The musical score is written for a full orchestra and includes parts for woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion. The tempo is marked 'Vivo!' at 144 beats per minute. The score is in 6/8 time and features various dynamics such as *f* (forte) and *div.* (divisi). A large red watermark 'Preview Only - Legal Use Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page. The score is divided into six measures, with measure numbers 1 through 6 indicated at the bottom.

7

Picc., Fls. 1 2
mp cresc. poco a poco

Ob.
mp cresc. poco a poco

Bsn.
mp cresc. poco a poco

Clars. 1 2 3
mp cresc. poco a poco

A. Cl.
mf cresc.

B. Cl.
mp cresc. poco a poco

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.
mf cresc.

Bar. Sax.
mp cresc. poco a poco

Narr.

7

Tpts. 1 2 3
mp cresc. poco a poco

Hns. 1 2 3 4
mf cresc.

Trbs. 1 2 3
mf opt. 8va cresc.

Bar.
mp cresc. poco a poco

Bass
mp cresc. poco a poco

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.
mp cresc. poco a poco

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Xylo.

p

mf

37

Picc., Fls. 1 2 *mf* *fp* (Picc.)

Ob. *mf* *f*

Bsn. *mf* *f*

Cls. 1 2 3 *mf* *f*

A. Cl. *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes 1 2 *mf* *f*

T. Sax. *mf*

Bar. Sax. *mf*

Narr. 37

Tpts. 1 (St. Mute) *mf* *sfp* *sfp* *f*

2 3 *mf* *f*

Hns. 1 2 3 4 *mf*

Trbs. 1 2 3 *mf*

Bar. *mf* *fp*

Bass *mf* *fp*

Mlt. Perc. *mf* *f*

Perc. 1 Bells *mf* S.D.

B.D. *mf*

Perc. 2 *mf*

Timp. B to Db, F to Eb *mf*

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

a2 +Picc. **rit.** **meno mosso** 68 **A tempo**

Picc., Fls. 1 2 *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Clars. 1 2 3 *mp*

A. Cl. *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Saxes 1 2 *mp*

T. Sax. *mp*

Bar. Sax. *mp*

Narr. "I bet that I could beat you in a race." "Couldn't," "Could," ... "All right," said the hare.
replied the hare. said the tortoise... "I'll race you..."

rit. **meno mosso** 68 **A tempo**

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4 *a2*

Trbs. 1 2 3 *open* *p*

Bar. *p*

Bass *p* [pizz.]

Mlt. Perc. *mp*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp. *mp*

62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69

86

Picc., Fls. 1 2 *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3 *mp*

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. 86 The hare went off at a great pace.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4 *mp*

Trbs. 1 2 3 *mp*

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp. *mp*

86 87 88 89 90 91 92

23314

Picc., *Sva basso*

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. He got so far ahead, he decided he may as well stop for a rest.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. *Soon he fell asleep.*

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *Wind Chimes (freely)*

Timp. *F to D*

114 *loco*

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1 player *mf*

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. 114 The tortoise came plodding along, never stopping for a moment.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4 *sfz*

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass 1 Tuba and 1 St. Bass *mf*

Mlt. Perc. Vibes

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

114 115 116 117 118 119 120

126

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

mp

sfz

mp

+Bells

mp

A \flat to B \flat , D to B, E \flat to F

121 122 123 124 125 126 127

molto rit.

145 **Presto!** ♩. = 160

loco
(a2)

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

but he was too late—the tortoise had already won the race!

molto rit.

145 **Presto!** ♩. = 160

Narr.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Tam-Tam

Sus. Cym.

Tri.

(dampen)

142

143

144

145

146

147

148

II. The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Andante, un poco agitato ♩ = 80

Picc.
Piccolo, Flutes 1 2
Oboe
Bassoon
B♭ Clarinets 1 2 3
E♭ Alto Clarinet
B♭ Bass Clarinet
E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2
B♭ Tenor Saxophone
E♭ Baritone Saxophone
Narrator
B♭ Trumpets 1 2 3
F Horns 1 2 3 4
Trombones 1 2 3
Baritone
Bass
Mallet Percussion
Percussion 1
Percussion 2
Timpani
F, B♭, E♭, G♭

The musical score is for the second movement, 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'. It is in 3/4 time and marked 'Andante, un poco agitato' with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. The score includes parts for Piccolo, Flutes, Oboe, Bassoon, B♭ Clarinets, E♭ Alto Clarinet, B♭ Bass Clarinet, E♭ Alto Saxophones, B♭ Tenor Saxophone, E♭ Baritone Saxophone, Narrator, B♭ Trumpets, F Horns, Trombones, Baritone, Bass, Mallet Percussion, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Timpani. The woodwinds and strings play a melodic line with a 'p' (piano) dynamic. The narrator part is marked 'Andante, un poco agitato' with a tempo of 80. A large red watermark 'Preview Only Requires Purchase' is overlaid on the score.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

9

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. A boy was sent to look after a flock of sheep as they grazed near a village.

9

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. It was raining, and he was bored, so he decided to play a trick on the villagers.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

p *mf* *p*

23314 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

25 **accel. poco a poco**

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr.

25 **accel. poco a poco**

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. they were doing, to drive away the wolf. When they rushed into the field

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

p *pp* *mp*

29 30 31 32 33 34 35

39 subito molto rit.

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. and found the sheep quite safe... ...the boy laughed and laughed.

39 subito molto rit.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

44 poco mosso

rit. -----

Picc., Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1
2
3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr.

44 poco mosso

to Harmon mute

rit. -----

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Trbs. 1
2
3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

44

45

46

47

48

49

50



54 Tempo I

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.



accel. poco a poco

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. The next day the same thing happened. "Wolf! Wolf!" shouted the boy.

accel. poco a poco

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

72 **Con moto** ♩ = 112

Picc., Fls. 1 2 *f* *mp*

Ob. *f* *mp*

Bsn. *f* *mp*

Cl. 1 *f* *mp*

Cl. 2 3 *f* *mp*

A. Cl. *f* *mp*

B. Cl. *f* *mp*

A. Saxes 1 2 *f* *mp*

T. Sax. *f* *mp*

Bar. Sax. *f* *mp*

Narr. 72 **Con moto** ♩ = 112 On the third day a wolf really did come.

Tpts. 1 *f* *mp*

Tpts. 2 3 *f* *mp*

Hns. 1 2 *f* *mp*

Hns. 3 4 *f* *mp*

Trbs. 1 2 *f* *mp*

Trbs. 3 *f* *mp*

Bar. *f* *mp*

Bass *f* *mp*

Mlt. Perc. *f* *mp*

Perc. 1 *f* *mp*

Perc. 2 *f* *mp*

Timp. *f* *mp*

92 **Tempo I**

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clars. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr.

92 **Tempo I**

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Tam-Tam

Timp.

87 88 89 90 91 92

23314

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. But this time the villagers ignored the boy, because they thought he was only playing tricks, as he had done before.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc. (Vibes) mp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

105 **meno mosso**

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. Can you guess what happened?

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass St. Bass only pizz.

Mlt. Perc. (Vibes) p pp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Tri. p p Tam-Tam p w/stick pp

Timp.

101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 pp

III. The Dog and the Bone

Lento, espressivo ♩ = 60

Piccolo, Flutes 1 2

Oboe Solo *p*

Bassoon *p*

B♭ Clarinets 1 2 3 *p* *a2*

E♭ Alto Clarinet *p*

B♭ Bass Clarinet *p*

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

Narrator **Lento, espressivo** ♩ = 60 A dog was walking over a bridge carrying

B♭ Trumpets 1 2 3

F Horns 1 2 3 4

Trombones 1 2 3

Baritone

Bass

Mallet Percussion Bells *p*

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

Timpani

1 2 3 4 5

8 Moderato ♩ = 92

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

-Picc.
Play *p*

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

p

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

(Hn.) *p*

(Bar.) *p*

Narr. a large bone in her mouth. Looking down into the stream, she saw another dog there.

8 Moderato ♩ = 92

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

a2
p

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar. *p*

Bass [arco] *p*

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

meno mosso

16 Tempo I

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Solo Play

ppp *mp* *niente*

Narr. She snatched for the bigger bone and dropped her own. And then there was just one cold, wet dog, and no bone at all!

meno mosso

16 Tempo I

Tpts. 1 2 3

sub.p *a2* *sub.p*

Hns. 1 2 3 4

f *sub.p* *f* *sub.p*

Trbs. 1 2 3

sub.p *open* *open* *sub.p*

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Tam-Tam (w/stick)

Sus. Cym. (w/large felt mallet)

p *cv* *cv*

14 15 16 17 18 19

IV. The Wolf and his Shadow

2 Andante ♩ = 96

-Picc. *p*

Piccolo, Flutes

Oboe

Bassoon

Cls.

E♭ Alto Clarinet

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophones

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

Narrator

One day, when the sun was low in the sky, a wolf caught sight of an enormous shadow on the ground beside him.

He looked all round, but there was no one else about.

2 Andante ♩ = 96

B♭ Trumpets

F Horns

Trombones

Baritone

Bass

Mallet Percussion

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

Timpani

Vibes

p

sim.

Claves *p*

Tamb.

Sus. Cym. *p*
scrape coin from dome out

11

Picc., Fls. 1 2 *f*

Ob. *f*

Bsn. *f*

Clars. 1 2 3 *f*

A. Cl. *f*

B. Cl. *f*

A. Saxes 1 2 *f*

T. Sax. *f*

Bar. Sax. *f*

Narr.

11

Tpts. 1 2 3 *f*

Hns. 1 2 3 4 *f*

Trbs. 1 2 3 *f*

Bar. *f*

Bass *f*

Xylo.

Mlt. Perc. *f*

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *f*

Timp. *f*

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

mf *f*

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr. himself king, but he's not nearly as big as I am. I am going to be king from now on."

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Sus. Cym.

p

31 +Fls. -Picc.

Picc., Fls. 1 2 *mf* *sub.p*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Clars. 1 2 3 *mf* *p*

A. Cl. *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes 1 2 *mf* *sub.p*

T. Sax. *mf* *sub.p*

Bar. Sax. *mf* *sub.p*

Narr. 31 So the wolf strutted about, thinking of all the things he would do now that he was king.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4 *mf* *sub.p*

Trbs. 1 2 3 *mf* *sub.p* *p*

Bar. *mf*

Bass [*arco*] *mf* *p*

Mlt. Perc. Bells *p*

Perc. 1 Slap Stick (whip) *mf*

Perc. 2 B.D. *mf* Sleigh Bells *mf*

Timp. *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *mf* *p*

23314 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

68

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clas. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

65 66 67 *f* 68 69 70 71

Slap Stick

Sleigh Bells

f

Picc., Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Narr.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Trbs. 1 2 3

Bar.

Bass

Mlt. Perc. +Bells

Perc. 1 B.D. Tam-Tam

Perc. 2

Timp.

cresc. *sfp* *ff*

72 73 74 75 76 77