



a division of Alfred

WHO LET THE ELVES OUT?

Arranged by VICTOR LOPEZ

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

Ist E Alto Saxophone

2nd E Alto Saxophone

Ist B Tenor Saxophone

2nd B Tenor Saxophone

(Optional)

Ist B Trumpet

2nd B Trumpet (Optional)

Ist Trombone

2nd Trombone (Optional)

Guitar Chords

Guitar/Bells (Optional)

Piano

Bass

Drum Set

Optional Alternate Parts

Ist C Flute

2nd C Flute

Ist B Clarinet

2nd B Clarinet

E Baritone Saxaphone

(Doubles Bass)

Tuba (Doubles Bass)

Horn in F

(Doubles 1st Trombone)

Baritone T.C.

(Doubles 1st Trombone)



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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Who Let the Elves Out? is written in a moderate rock style, and based on the well-known holiday carol "Good King Wenceslas." For the introduction, play the quarter notes short on beat 1 of each measure. At measure 5, trumpets and flutes should play the bell motive accented, but broadly. At measure 14, the thematic material from "Good King Wenceslas" is introduced in a rock groove, and provides an opportunity for the winds of the ensemble to work on style, phrasing, and balance. Make sure that the simple syncopation in measures 19 and 23 is captured. As a general rule, students should play the last eighth note of a group short.

In measures 38-53, there is a written-out solo that may be played by an individual, a section or a combination of instruments. It is a simple blues chord progression based on the I, IV, and V chords. After playing through this section a few times, encourage the student(s) to embellish the written solo with their own rhythmic and melodic ideas; this is a basic approach to improvisation. At measures 54–57, there is a drumset solo and an optional vocal part cued in the winds. This section can be repeated for an extended drumset solo, if desired. For added fun, encourage the participation of the audience. The moderate rock groove returns at measure 58 and continues to the end. The coda repeats four times. For each repetition, the ensemble should strive to build compound the energy, driving towards the end. This piece is very playable, and works well with a limited instrumentation. The rhythm section parts are notated, but remind players that they should always strive to play in the style of the arrangement. The guitar part includes cues for optional bells.

Please enjoy!



























