

**STRING ALTERNATIVES SERIES**

# Summertime

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**INSTRUMENTATION**

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Violin I .....	8
Violin II .....	8
Viola .....	5
Cello .....	5
String Bass .....	5
Drumset .....	1
Piano Accompaniment .....	1

**Summertime**

This classic George Gershwin piece is in a swing setting for string ensemble with rhythm section, and includes references to Dizzy Gillespie and James Brown. The main theme follows a bluesy introduction, and then a section that swings in the style of Count Basie leads to solos. Beginning and experienced improvisers will be successful and will enjoy playing this piece. Suggested written-out solos are provided in all parts so no improvisation is required. This piece was performed at the 2003 ASTA convention in Ohio.



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6 2 2 7 8 9 10

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

*p*

11 12 13 14 15

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

16 17 18 19 20

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

*f* *f* *f* *mf* *mf*

21 22 23 24 25

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

*mp* *mp*

I  
Vlns.  
II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass  
Piano Accomp.  
Drumset

I  
Vlns.  
II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass  
Piano Accomp.  
Drumset

31, 32, 33, 34, 35

*mp*

38

I Vlns. *mf*

II Vlns. *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Cello *mf*

Str. Bass *fp*

Piano Accomp. *mp*

Drumset

I Vlns.

II Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

46 47 48 49

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

50 51 52 53

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

54 Repeat as many times as there are soloists

**Solo Violin I**  
**Solo Violin II**  
**Solo Viola**  
**Solo Cello**  
**Vlns. I**  
**Vlns. II**  
**Vla.**  
**Cello**  
**Str. Bass**  
**Piano Accomp.**  
**Drumset**

*f*  
*f*  
*f*  
*f*  
*p*  
*p*  
*p*  
*p*  
*p*  
*Dmin*  
*A7*  
*Dmin7*  
*D7*  
*Dmin7*  
*A7*  
*Dmin7*  
*D7*

Detailed description: This page of a musical score covers measures 54 through 57. It features a full orchestral and soloist ensemble. The top four staves are for Solo Violin I, Solo Violin II, Solo Viola, and Solo Cello, all playing a melodic line with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The next four staves are for the string section: Violins I and II, Viola, and Cello, playing sustained notes with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The String Bass part provides harmonic support with chords Dmin, A7, Dmin7, and D7. The Piano Accompaniment part features chords Dmin7, A7, Dmin7, and D7. The Drumset part provides a steady rhythmic accompaniment. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.



This musical score page contains parts for Solo Violin I, Solo Violin II, Solo Viola, Solo Cello, Violins I & II, Viola, Cello, String Bass, Piano Accompaniment, and Drumset. The score is in G minor, 3/4 time, and covers measures 58 to 61. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The solo string parts feature melodic lines with various articulations like accents and slurs. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a steady bass line. The drumset part features a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

**Chord Progression:**  
Measure 58: Gmin7  
Measure 60: Eø7  
Measure 61: A7

**Measure Numbers:** 58, 59, 60, 61

**Instrument Labels:** Solo Violin I, Solo Violin II, Solo Viola, Solo Cello, Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass, Piano Accomp., Drumset

**Solo Violin I**  
62 **Dmin7** V 63 **A7** V 64 **Dmin7** V 65 **Gmin** V **C7** V

**Solo Violin II**

**Solo Viola**

**Solo Cello**

**Vlns. I**

**Vlns. II**

**Vla.**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**  
**Dmin7** **A7** **Dmin7** **Gmin** **C7**

**Piano Accomp.**  
**Dmin7** **A7** **Dmin7** **Gmin7** **C7**

**Drumset**

F maj7 B♭maj7 E♭7 A7 Dmin7 E♭7 A7

66 67b 68 69

Solo Violin I

Solo Violin II

Solo Viola

Solo Cello

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

F maj7 B♭maj7 E♭7 A7 Dmin7 E♭7 A7

F maj7 E♭7 A7 Dmin7 E♭7 A7

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

70

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

74

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Drumset

78 79 80 81

Vlns. I  
Vlns. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass  
Piano Accomp.  
Drumset

82 83 84 85

Vlns. I  
Vlns. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass  
Piano Accomp.  
Drumset

*ff* *mf*

I Vlns. II Vlns. Vla. Cello Str. Bass Piano Accomp. Drumset

86 4 V 87 V 88 89

I Vlns. II Vlns. Vla. Cello Str. Bass Piano Accomp. Drumset

90 91 92 93

*p*

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