A Celtic Christmas

Traditional

Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B_b Bass Clarinet
- 6 El- Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B¹ Treble Cleft)
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Bells, Chimes)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: Bb, F)
- 2 Percussion 1
 - (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion 2 (Triangle/Mark Tree/Suspended Cymbal)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E♭

Trombone/Baritone in B♭ Bass Clef

Tuba in E Bass Clef

Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Bb Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

The roots of this exquisite fullaby-carol go as far back as the early 19th century, with many translations and variants of the lyrics in existence today. It has also found its way into several movie scores, most notably Stephen Spielberg's epic *Empire of the Sun* (1987)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

An adaptation of the Welsh carol-tune "Suo Gan" (pronounced SEE-oh-GAHN) provides the thematic material for the sensitive and carefully scored offering designed for first-year players.

Technically compatible with most beginning band methods, the extremely limited ranges and rhythmic figures of this setting should pose no apparent problems at all for your students. The generous use of repeated material, along with breathing points thoughtfully marked, will hasten the mastery of this work; a wonderful early introduction to ballad style for players and a memorable experience for your December concert audiences.





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