



# Girl with the Flaxen Hair

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

Arranged by ROY PHILLIPPE

## INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor	1 Tuba
2 Flute	1 Mallet Percussion (Vibraphone)
2 Oboe	1 Piano (Optional)
1 1st B $\flat$ Clarinet	8 1st Violin
1 2nd B $\flat$ Clarinet	8 2nd Violin
1 B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet	5 3rd Violin (Viola $\text{tr}$ )
2 Bassoon	5 Viola
4 F Horn	5 Cello
1 1st B $\flat$ Trumpet	5 String Bass
1 2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet	
3 Trombone	

## PROGRAM NOTES

Claude Debussy's beautiful composition, *Girl with the Flaxen Hair* ("La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin"), comes from his first book of piano preludes. Composed in 1910, his inspiration came from the poem of the same name by Leconte de Lisle. Its wistful, sometimes playful, motifs create a mental image of a young girl daydreaming of what the future may bring. It is Debussy at his impressionistic best with a lovely melody and rich harmonies.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This arrangement is playable by strings alone or with the addition of any combination of winds. First we set the atmospheric mood with strings, clarinet, vibraphone and piano. As other instruments join in, it is important to keep a feeling of tranquility. Two of the most important characteristics of impressionistic music are careful attention to dynamics and tempo changes. For example, M.10 has a diminuendo, M.11 has a ritard, and M.12, a tempo. There are instances of crescendo and decrescendo throughout; for example, M.12 and 13. M.18 is marked "a little animated," portraying the playfulness of the young girl. The dynamic high point is reached at M.21 when the orchestra is tutti. We return to the feeling of calmness beginning at M.23. When the woodwinds and horn enter at M.28, they are very quiet, as if in the distance. Just to remind us that this was originally composed for piano, I have added the piano in various functions; sometimes melodic, sometimes harmonic. When performing this piece with strings alone, I would recommend adding the piano.

*Roy Phillippe*

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 1:50

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Calm and expressive (♩ = 66)

Flute

Oboe

I  
B♭ Clarinets

II

Bassoon  
(B♭ Bass Clarinet)

F Horn

I  
B♭ Trumpets

II

Trombone

Tuba

Mallet Percussion  
(Vibraphone)

Piano  
(optional)

Calm and expressive (♩ = 66)

I  
Violins

II

Viola  
(Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

1 2 3 4 5 6

Fl. rit. 12 A tempo mp

Ob. mp

Cls. I mp II mp

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.) mp

Hn.

Tpts. I II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Pno. (opt.)

Vlns. I p II p mp mp

Vla. (Vln. III) p mp

Cello p mp

Str. Bass p mp

7 8 9 10 11 12



Fl. *mf* *mp* *mf*

Ob. *mf* *mp* *mf*

Cl. I *mf* *mp* *mf*

Cl. II *mf* *mp* *mf*

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.) *mf* *mp* *mf*

Hn. *mp* *mf*

Tpts. I *mp* *mf*

Tpts. II *mp* *mf*

Trb. *mp* *mf*

Tuba *mp* *mf*

Mlt. Perc. *mp* *mf*

Pno. (opt.)

Vlns. I *mf* *mp* *poco a poco cresc.* *f*

Vlns. II *mf* *mp* *poco a poco cresc.* *f*

Vla. (Vln. III) *poco a poco cresc.* *f*

Cello *poco a poco cresc.* *f*

Str. Bass *f*

13 14 15 16 17

19

Fl.

Ob.

I  
Cls.

II

Bsn.  
(B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

I  
Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Pno.  
(opt.)

19

I  
Vlns.

II

Vla.  
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

18

19

20

21

22

rit.

28 A tempo

Fl.

Ob.

I  
Cls.

II

Bsn.  
(B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

I  
Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Pno.  
(opt.)

rit.

28 A tempo

I  
Vlns.

II

Vla.  
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Fl.

Ob.

I  
Cls.

II

Bsn.  
(B $\flat$  B. Cl.)

Hn.

I  
Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Pno.  
(opt.)

I  
Vlns.

II

Vla.  
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Fl. *p* *pp*

Ob. *p* *pp*

Cl. I *p* *pp*

Cl. II *p* *pp*

Bsn. (B $\flat$  B. Cl.) *p* *pp*

Hn.

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Pno. (opt.) *pp*

Vlns. I *div.* *pizz.* *arco*

Vlns. II *div.* *pizz.* *arco*

Vla. (Vln. III) *div.* *pizz.* *arco*

Cello *div.*

Str. Bass