

STRING EXPLORER SERIES

Prelude to the Afternoon on a Farm

(A Carnival of the Barnyard Animals)

Arranged by Bob Phillips

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Violin III (Viola 	3
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass	5
Piano Accompaniment	1

What fun! The con-DUCK-tor is summoned to stage by a duck call! Hilarious suggestions are included for costumes, props, corny skits and jokes as each section represents a group of animals in the barnyard playing familiar tunes. Turn the students and parents loose on this one! Great for introducing the instruments at recruiting demonstrations or featuring your principal or superintendent as narrator.

This crazy-like-a-fox piece includes: *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*; *William Tell Overture*; *Rock-A-Doodle-Do*; *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5*; *The Chicken Dance*; *Turkey in the Straw*; *Baa, Baa Swing Sheep*; *Funky Bass*; *Old McDonald Had a Farm*; and *Bonaparte's Retreat*.

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Prelude to the Afternoon on a Farm

CONDUCTOR SCORE

(A Carnival of the Barnyard Animals)

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Duration - 6:00

Narrator - Hello everyone, and welcome to our musical farm here in the Red River Valley. My name is Cole McDonald. Everyone plays a stringed instrument on our farm, so come with me and meet all the barnyard musicians as they play an early morning concert entitled, *Prelude to the Afternoon on a Farm*.

Orchestra - (A soloist, chosen by the director, should stand to play the solo, and then cue the other solo players to come in at bar 9.)

Orch. - (Players should be dressed up as their animal or character. Some suggestions are farm hats, overalls, rooster, chicken or turkey feather headresses, tails on the back of cello chairs, and bull horn hats. The stage could be dressed with hay or fence posts etc.)

Conductor - (The conductor may want to encourage the orchestra to develop additional ideas for jokes and props.)

"Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun" - by Claude Debussy

Freely (♩ = 110)

Violins

Viola
(Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

Piano
Accompaniment

"The William Tell Overture" - by Gioacchino Rossini

9 Moderately (♩ = 60)

Vlms.

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano
Accomp.

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

11 12 13

Soloist - Yo! Mr. McDonald we could use a little help out here.

Nar. - Sorry, we seem to be missing one of our musicians. Has anyone seen the Duck? I guess he must have DUCKED out for a minute.

Orch. - (Someone takes out a duck call, stands up and blows it.) Here ducky duck, come on out duck.

Nar. - Come on out, I've got some QUACKERS for you.

Cond. - (The conductor waddles out.)

Nar. - Please give a welcome to our musical leader, the Con-DUCK-tor.

Cond. - (The conductor starts number 14.)

Moderately (♩ = 60)

14

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

14 15 16 17 18

Nar. - The first group of musicians we would like to feature are the ROOSTERS who play 1st violin.

Orch. - (Shout) Rock-A-Doodle-Doo.

Nar. - Out here on the farm we get up pretty early, and often like to start our day with some rooster aerobics. Here comes our aerobics leader, Rooster Simmons, working out to a piece called *Rock-A-Doodle-Doo*.

1st Violin - (One of the roosters comes out and leads Cole McDonald in rooster aerobics. Try scratching feet on the ground and hopping around. Think of the way a rooster might move.)

Cond. - (An optional repeat is possible. Have the narrator cue the audience to say "*Rock-a-Doodle-Doo*" with the orchestra the second time through. Encourage audience participation.)

"Rock-a-Doodle-Doo" - by Bob Phillips

Rock (♩ = 160)

19

Vlns. I *f* *opt. div.*

Vlns. II *mf* *opt. div.*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mf*

Cello *mf* *pizz.*

Str. Bass *mf*

Piano Accomp. *mf*

19 20

Sing and play

Vlns. I *ff* "Rock-a-doo-dle-doo" *f* *ff*

Vlns. II *ff* "Rock-a-doo-dle-doo" *f* *ff*

Vla. (Vln. III) *ff* "Rock-a-doo-dle-doo" *f* *ff*

Cello *ff* "Rock-a-doo-dle-doo" *f* *ff*

Str. Bass *ff* "Rock-a-doo-dle-doo" *f* *ff*

Piano Accomp. *ff* "Rock-a-doo-dle-doo" *f* *ff*

21 22 23 24

1. Sing and play
 ff "Rock-a-doo-dle-doo"
 2.
 ff
 ff
 arco
 ff

The musical score for 'Rock-a-doo-dle-doo' is presented in two systems. The first system covers measures 29 to 30, and the second system covers measures 31 to 33. The score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a first ending bracket over measures 29 and 30, followed by a second ending bracket over measures 31 and 32. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff* (fortissimo) and *f* (forte), and articulation marks like accents (*>*). The lyrics 'Sing and play' are written above the vocal line in measures 29 and 30, and 'Rock-a-doo-dle-doo' is written below the piano accompaniment in measures 29 and 30. The score concludes with a double bar line in measure 33.

Nar. - Next, we are going to ask our chickens to perform for us. Are all you chickens ready?

Orch. - (Shout) Bak, Bak, Bak.

Nar. - For those of you who don't speak Chickenese, our 2nd Violin section of chickens would like to play, *The Chicken Dance*.

Cond. - (The con-Duck-tor starts the tune but none of the 2nd Vls play. He/she tries again with the same result.) Hey what are you guys, a bunch of chickens?

2nd VI. - (2nd Vls only make chicken noises.)

Nar. - Let's try one more time.

2nd VI - (One 2nd VI should stand up and do the "Chicken Dance" movements as done at weddings from bar 41-49. 1. Hands make chicken clucking motion. 2. Flapping wings motion. 3. Shaking chicken motion. All 2nd VI should stand from bar 51-65 and flap their arms like a bird or set their violin down and hold their arms out to the side and sway like a bird in flight.)

"The Chicken Dance" (a.k.a. Dance Little Bird)
by Terry Rendall and Werner Thomas

34 **Moderately** ($\text{♩} = 90$)

Vlns.

"The Chicken Dance" (a.k.a. Dance Little Bird)
by Terry Rendall and Werner Thomas

34 **Moderately** ($\text{♩} = 90$)

Piano
Accomp.

1. 2.

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

42 43 44 45 46

48

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

47 48 49 50 51

*2nd VI - (Stand up, flap your arms like bird or set your violin down and hold your arms out to the side and sway like a bird in flight. If some or all of the 2nd Vls. have bars 37-49 and 67-74 memorized, they can play from the front of the orchestra and do the chicken dance there during bars 50-66.)

Score for measures 52-56, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla. (Vln. III)), Cello, Str. Bass, and Piano Accompaniment (Piano Accomp.).

Measures 52-56 show the Violins (Vlns.) and Viola (Vla. (Vln. III)) parts. The Violins (Vlns.) part includes a first violin (I) and a second violin (II). The Viola (Vla. (Vln. III)) part is in the third staff. The Cello and Str. Bass parts are in the fourth and fifth staves respectively. The Piano Accompaniment (Piano Accomp.) is in the sixth staff, consisting of a grand staff (treble and bass clefs).

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67

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

62 63 64 65 66

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

67 68 69 70 71

Nar. - Now our terrific Turkeys would like to introduce you to one of the orchestra's most important instruments, the viola.

Orch. -(Shout) Gobble, gobble, gobble.

Vla. - (Violas should all be bouncing their heads like bobble-head sports toys.)

Nar. - Don't mind them, they are all a bunch of GOBBLE-HEADS. I know whatever the violas decide to play, it will be really tasty and we will all be thankful for it.

Vla. - (Violas should all stand and sing or shout/rap the words. They could also use the right hand to perform the hand motions.)
Ex: Four little turkeys...hold up four fingers, The farmer called the vet...put hand up to to your ear as with a cell phone, That's what you get...shake first finger in disapproval.)

"Turkey in the Straw"

72 Moderately (♩ = 80)

Vlns.

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano
Accomp.

Stand and sing or
shout/rap the words.

ff There were

72 "Turkey in the Straw"
Moderately (♩ = 80)

72

73

Play 4x

Vlns.

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano
Accomp.

Play 4x

four lit - tle tur - keys that were jump - ing on the hay and one fell off and he bounced a - way then the

74

75

76

77

4

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

farm-er called the vet and the vet did say well that's what you get for jump-ing on the hay! There were that is the one for

78 79 80 81

2. accel.

85 Moderately fast ($\text{♩} = 90$)

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

Thanks - giv-ing day.

mf

mf

arco

f

mf

mf

2. accel.

85 Moderately fast ($\text{♩} = 90$)

82 83 84 85 86

87 88 89 90 91

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

f

f

f

f

f

92 93 94 95 96 97

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

mf

mf

f

arco

mf

f

mf

mf

Vlns.
Vla. (Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass
Piano Accomp.

98 99 100 101 102

Orch. - (Shout) Neigh, neigh, etc.

Nar. - Hey, it sounds like the Horses are chomping at the bits. Of course the Horses like to sing as well as play the cello. They all belong to a famous vocal ensemble called the HORSE CHORALE. Unfortunately they won't be able to sing today because all the ponies are a little HORSE. Listen carefully and see if you recognize their MANE theme. How about you guys saddle up and get ready to take us on a musical ride?

Vlns.
Vla. (Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass
Piano Accomp.

103 **Loping** (♩ = 80)

103 104 105 106

"William Tell Overture" - by Gioaccino Rossini

111 Quickly (♩ = 120)

Vlns. I
 Vlns. II
 Vla. (Vln. III)
 Cello
 Str. Bass
 Piano Accomp.

107 108 109 110 111 112

f arco
mf

"William Tell Overture" - by Gioaccino Rossini
 111 Quickly (♩ = 120)

Vlns. I
 Vlns. II
 Vla. (Vln. III)
 Cello
 Str. Bass
 Piano Accomp.

113 114 115 116 117

pizz.
mf pizz.
mf pizz.
mf pizz.
f
mf

116

118 119 120 121

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

122 123 124 125

Vlns. I II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

128

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

126 127 128 129

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

130 131 132 133

Nar. - You may be wondering who writes all this great music. I should tell you that the last piece was written by a very famous string musician from the old old West, none other than the LONE ARRANGER.

Our last section to play for you is the bulls. So what are all you bass playing bulls going to play today?

Basses - mklmkkkljk (mumbling, said too softly to hear)

Nar. - Sorry, I can't hear you from over here. Could one of you use a BULL HORN?

Basses - (One bass player picks up a bull horn/megaphone and says:) Hey man, like the bulls would like to dedicate a song to all our sheep buddies over in the sheep pen who couldn't be here today. They get really nervous just before a performance. Actually, they get a little SHEEPISH. So here's a little tune for you guys called *Baa, Baa Swing Sheep*, but first, the bulls need to get in the mood. (Bulls all put on sunglasses and look way cool.)

Cond. - (The con-Duck-tor starts the cellos singing the cymbal sounds and then leads the audience in clapping on beat 2 and 4. The combined effect is like a drum set. Then start the piece.)

“Baa, Baa Swing Sheep”
134 **Swing** (♩ = 110)
pizz.

Vlns.
I
II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello
f Ch ch ch ch ch ch (etc.)
pizz.

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.
p (Bass)

134 135

136 137 138 139 140

sim.

This musical score is for measures 141 through 145 of the piece 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written for a full orchestra and piano accompaniment. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Vlns. I & II:** Violins I and II, both in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).
- Vla. (Vln. III):** Viola (Violin III) in alto clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).
- Cello:** Cello in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).
- Str. Bass:** String Bass in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).
- Piano Accomp.:** Piano accompaniment, consisting of a right hand in treble clef and a left hand in bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The score includes a large red watermark reading 'Purchase' diagonally across the page. The measures are numbered 141, 142, 143, 144, and 145 at the bottom. A 'straight' marking is present above the final measure (145) of the String Bass part.

Cond. - Repeat 146 -150 as many times as necessary to get the audience chanting with the orchestra.

"Funky Bass" - by Bob Phillips

Funk (♩ = 110)

Vlns.

I

II

**Vla.
(Vln. III)**

Cello

Str. Bass

pizz.

ff

Girls sing

Boys sing

Who let the cows out?

Moo moo

moo moo moo moo moo

Play

**Piano
Accomp.**

1.

2.

146

147

148

149

150

Nar. - We hope everyone has enjoyed our performance so far! I should let you know our next performance is our annual winter show, Pigs On Ice. It is a great skating show, although the performers do tend to HAM IT UP. Well, now that you have had a chance to meet all of our barnyard musicians, they would like to finish with a barn dance tune for you. Even Cole McDonald has his own theme song, and I know you will love it. If fact, if you clap and say yee-haw at the end, they might play it again. Here it is, the *Cole McDonald Hoedown*.

Cond. - (From bar 158 to the end can be played a second time as an encore if neccessary. Play it a little faster the second time.)

"Old McDonald"
Hoedown ($\text{♩} = 100$ or faster)

151

Vlns.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

151 152 153

Vlns.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

154 155 156 157 158

161

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

159 160 161 162 163

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

164 165 166 167 168

169 "Bonaparte's Retreat"

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

169 170 171 172

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

173 174 175 176

177

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

177 178 179 180

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Piano Accomp.

181 182 183 184 185

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