

TRADITIONAL
Arranged by PETER BLAIR

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor

1st El Alto Saxophone

2nd El Alto Saxophone

1st Bl Tenor Saxophone

2nd Bl Tenor Saxophone (Optional)

El Baritone Saxophone (Optional)

1st Bl Trumpet

2nd Bl Trumpet

3rd Bl Trumpet (Optional)

1st Trombone
2nd Trombone (Optional)
3rd Trombone (Optional)
Guitar Chords
Guitar (Optional)
Piano
Bass
Drums

Optional/Alternate Parts

C Flute
Tuba
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
Baritone T.C./Bb Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)



FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This arrangement of a traditional holiday favorite gets a Mannheim Steamroller twist with the contemporary rock feel and the "hustle and bustle" city groove set up in the introduction. The opening should be solid, but the accents should not be heavy. Lighter staccatos with slightly accented half notes will sound best. That motive should always stay behind the melody, especially in the section beginning in measure 5.

The feel changes at 13, so be sure your drummer plays tasteful "dome" fills on the crown of the ride or crash cymbal in this section. Bell tree and/or wind chimes would also be a nice effect if possible. The saxophones should play the melody as indicated—smooth, legato lines are a must.

The opening material returns at measure 21—make sure it is together and full. The background figures behind the written solo at measure 25 should be as smooth and sustained as possible.

Build to the modulation at measure 51. The melody and harmony parts should be cascading together here. The harmony is tight, so be sure the parts are well-balanced and full sounding.

Enjoy!

—Peter Blair



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Peter Blair has an extensive and varied background in education and performance. He holds a BA in music education from Carroll University and an MA from the University of Wisconsin. He taught for twelve years at a variety of grade levels. Blair is currently an author and part of the advisory group for Lorenz Educational Press along with being an author and composer for Heritage Music Press. An accomplished composer and arranger, Blair has over 70 compositions and arrangements in print, as well as many commissions for college, high school and middle school groups throughout the United States.



















