



# Someone to Watch Over Me

Music and Lyrics by GEORGE and IRA GERSHWIN

Arranged by TIM McCARRICK

## INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

## PROGRAM NOTES

Written with his brother Ira in 1926, this song first appeared on Broadway in the musical, "Oh, Kay!" It has since become one of America's great standards and has been sung equally by men and women with just a few changes in lyrics. George Gershwin (1898–1937) is considered one of America's finest composers, and the first to crossover and combine classical music with jazz and popular songs. He is known for his legacy of hit songs; co-written, usually for Broadway, with his brother, lyricist Ira Gershwin. He is equally well known as someone who brought jazz to the classical stage with works like "Rhapsody in Blue" or his Piano Concerto.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Arranged in a dramatic style, this piece will give your orchestra a "great American standard" to go along with their classical standards! We also remember this piece from a music teacher favorite, *Mr. Holland's Opus*. Opening with a solo violin over tremolo accompaniment, we hear the often-left-out opening verse. Next, the cello and viola sections soar with the well-known chorus. The music builds until finally the violins play the theme at the end. This provides a chance to work on your group's ensemble playing as they alternately accompany a soloist at one point, and entire sections at other points. The opportunity to take time and use rubato each time the main chorus begins (M26, 34, 50, 57, 65, & 81) will necessitate that all players watch the conductor and listen to each other! At those junctures you may need to cut off some players with one hand while conducting the tempo of those beginning the theme. This song also provides many teaching opportunities to inform your students about Gershwin, Broadway, songwriting and musical form. Enjoy this great song!

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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CONDUCTOR SCORE  
Duration - 4:30

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Very freely in recitative manner (♩ = 76)  
Solo con molto rubato

Solo Violins

Violins I

Violins II

Viola

Cello

String Bass

mp 1 2 3 4

Solo Vlns.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

5 6 7 8 9

Solo Violin I & II

10

Solo Vlns. *sub. f*

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

10 11 12 13

Solo Vlns.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

14 15 16 17

18 Tutti

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

x4

-1 o -4 1 -1 o -4

*p*

18 19 20 21 22

27 Andante (♩ = 86)

*molto rit.*

V

V

V

V

V

V

V

V

V

V

*sfz*

*sfz*

*f*

*sfz*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

-4 pizz. 2 1 1

23 24 25 26 27

Vlns. I  
Vlns. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass

28 29 30 31 32

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 28 through 32. It features five staves: Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor). The time signature is 4/4. The music includes various dynamics such as *f* (forte) and *p* (piano), and articulation marks like accents and slurs. A large red watermark is overlaid on the score.

Vlns. I  
Vlns. II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass

rit.  
Lo 4

35 A tempo

33 34 35 36 37

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 33 through 37. It features five staves: Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass. The key signature is one flat. The time signature is 4/4. Measure 33 is marked with a *rit.* (ritardando) and *Lo 4* (Lento 4). Measure 35 is marked with *A tempo* and *p* (piano). The music includes various dynamics such as *f* (forte) and *p* (piano), and articulation marks like accents and slurs. A large red watermark is overlaid on the score.

I  
Vlns.  
II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass

38 39 40 41 42

*f* *broadly* *broadly* *broadly* *mp*

*f* *broadly* *broadly* *div.*

Lo 4

42 -2

I  
Vlns.  
II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass

43 44 45 46

I  
Vlns.  
II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass

-4 rit. sfz f Tutti f sfz

47 48 49 50

51 A tempo  
Vlns.  
II  
Vla.  
Cello  
Str. Bass

p p V V V V p p

51 52 53 54 55

58 A tempo

**Solo Vlns.**

**Vlns. I**

**Vlns. II**

**Vla.**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

rit. *f* *p* *p* *p*

-1

56 57 58 59

**Solo Vlns.**

**Vlns. I**

**Vlns. II**

**Vla.**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

*f* *f*

-2

60 61 62 63



66 A tempo

**Solo Vlns.**

**Vlns. I**

**Vlns. II**

**Vla.**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

rit.

x1

-1

V

64 65 66 67

**Solo Vlns.**

**Vlns. I**

**Vlns. II**

**Vla.**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

V

-2

V

V

f

f

f

68 69 70 71

**Tutti**

**Vlns. I**

**Vlns. II**

**Vla.**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

72 *f* 73 *mp* 74 75

**Vlns. I**

**Vlns. II**

**Vla.**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

76 77 78 79

**Tutti**

*f*

82 A tempo

**Vlns. I**  
rit. *sub. f* -1

**Vlns. II**  
*sub. f*

**Vla.**  
*sfz* *p*

**Cello**  
*sfz* *p* x4

**Str. Bass**  
*sfz* *p*

80 81 82 83 84

**Solo Vlns.**  
rit. Freely

**Vlns. I**  
*f* -3

**Vlns. II**  
*f* *div.*

**Vla.**  
*f* *div.*

**Cello**  
*f*

**Str. Bass**  
*f* *arco*

opt. Harmonic -2

85 86 87 88 89

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