THE EMERALD FALCON

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score		1
Violin I		8
Violin II		8
Viola		5
Cello		5
String Bass		C 5

Notes to the Conductor

The Emerald Falcon is an exciting overture meant to represent a classic superhero and written in the style of end credits to a movie. Dark, unexpected harmonic shifts dominate the piece, written in classic ABA form. All sections of the orchestra are featured in this tour-de-force, as the rich melodic material is generously passed from instrument to instrument. The initial A section features two themes—the first, in E minor (m. 10), is introduced by first violing, accompanied by a driving, menacing rhythmic pulse in the lower strings. The second theme, in C minor (m. 32), grows directly out of the first theme and starts in the cells and is then passed from viola to violins. The mood changes in the B section, marked "Allegro tranquillo" (m. 93). Solo violin introduces a gentle theme, and then offers a florid countermelody. After a short development, the theme is restated by solo bass, followed by a brief duet between violin and bass. The A section returns with the main theme stated in canon. The piece ends with a frenetic, virtuosic coda. Menacing, frightening, mysterious, and peaceful the myriad of emotions contained here are sure to take your audience and your orchestra on an unforgettable ride, while creating a challenge for all of your students.



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