

**FIRST  
YEAR  
CHARTS**  
FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

# Hit the Road Jack

Words and Music by PERCY MAYFIELD

Arranged by MIKE LEWIS

## INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	1st Trombone
1st E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	2nd Trombone (Optional)
2nd E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	3rd Trombone (Optional)
1st B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	Guitar Chords
2nd B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone (Optional)	Guitar (Optional)
E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone (Optional)	Piano
1st B $\flat$ Trumpet	Bass
2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet	Drums
3rd B $\flat$ Trumpet (Optional)	

## Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute  
Tuba  
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)  
Baritone T.C./B $\flat$  Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

*Hit the Road Jack* was made famous by the legendary Ray Charles in the R&B style. It is a swing chart with a solid backbeat on beats 2 and 4. Eighth notes are swung with a light feel—avoid overdoing the swing feel or it will sound stilted, and it won't swing!

The drumset player should keep the snare drum backbeat on 2 and 4 to give it an R&B feel. When the saxes enter in measure 9, they should dig in and be fairly aggressive, which is the nature of this tune and chart. Unison lines should, of course, be in tune. Players must listen and be aware of each other to adjust as needed, but still maintain a confident and solid sound. For the bends for the saxes in measure 10, they should try to imitate the sound of a vocalist bending a note. It's not as radical as it looks but caution the saxes not to bend too much. Just a slight drop of the jaw should do it, and then bring the pitch back up immediately. The effect can be omitted entirely if desired.

Unison brass at 19, so listen for intonation and direct the players to listen to each other. The groove changes at measure 37, so all winds should be careful of intonation on the unison sections.

Regarding articulation, the rooftop accents (▲) should be played detached and accented, but not staccato—think “daht.” The last eighth in a group of two or more is short, but not clipped.

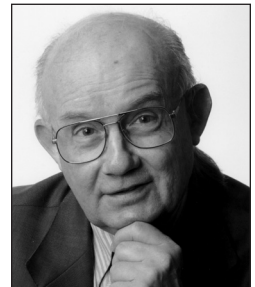
For the rhythm section, the guitar will have slash marks to indicate comping using three- or four-note chords in a quarter note pattern. For the best sound, ask the guitarist to use medium-thickness picks which will give the sound a very bright, acoustic quality, and to hold the pick loosely between the thumb and index finger. Strum straight quarter notes, trying to cut off (mute) the sound of the chord right after striking the strings. Strum from the elbow, giving a bright, swinging sound that propels the rhythm section forward. The guitarist's quarter note rhythm should perfectly mesh so that the guitar and bass merge into one big sound.

The bass player is walking a bass line throughout—keep it steady! The drumset player should always be thinking about accurate time as the priority over playing fills or setting up band figures. Remind the drummer that the drum part is a guide to what is happening in the ensemble and not every figure needs to be played.

Measures 43 and 44 and 65 and 66 are the loudest parts of this chart, dynamically.

Enjoy!

—Mike Lewis



**Mike  
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CONDUCTOR  
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MEDIUM SWING ♩ = 120

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C FLUTE (OPTIONAL)  
 1ST Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE  
 2ND Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE  
 1ST Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE  
 2ND Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE (OPTIONAL)  
 Eb BARITONE SAXOPHONE (OPTIONAL)  
 1ST Bb TRUMPET  
 2ND Bb TRUMPET  
 3RD Bb TRUMPET (OPTIONAL)  
 1ST TROMBONE  
 2ND TROMBONE (OPTIONAL)  
 3RD TROMBONE (OPTIONAL)  
 GUITAR (OPTIONAL)  
 PIANO  
 BASS  
 DRUMS

The musical score is arranged for a full band. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo is Medium Swing at 120 beats per minute. The score includes parts for C Flute (optional), 1st and 2nd Eb Alto Saxophones, 1st and 2nd Bb Tenor Saxophones (optional), Eb Baritone Saxophone (optional), 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bb Trumpets, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Trombones, Guitar (optional), Piano, Bass, and Drums. The guitar part includes chord diagrams for Gmi, Gmi/f, Ebb, and D7(b9). The piano part includes a solo section starting at measure 4. The drums part includes a 'Ride Cym.' section starting at measure 4. A large red watermark 'Legal Use Only Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

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FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

1.

SEND

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12. (19)

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SAXI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

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1. 2. 37

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SAXI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

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FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SAXI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Chord progression: Gmi, Gmi/F, Eb9, D7(#9), Gmi, Gmi/F, Eb9, D7(#9), Gmi, Gmi/F, Eb9, D7

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FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

SAXI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

53

SEND

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49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

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1. | 2.

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

57 58 59 60 61 62

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FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TEN. 1

TEN. 2

TEN. 3

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

63

64

65

66

67

68

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PREVIEW ONLY

TENOR 2 CUE

(C/D)

G#m/F

E♭9

D7(9/5)

G#m7

C9

3

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