

Ghost Ship

TRADITIONAL SEA SHANTY Arranged by MICHAEL STORY (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 6 E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B¹ Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- Mallet Percussion
 (Chimes or Optional Bells or Optional Ship Bell)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: G, C, D)
- 2 Percussion (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion 2 (Suspended Cymbal Triangle/Tambourine)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in Eb

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in E Bass Clef

Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in BhTreble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

The merchant ship "Mary Celeste" set sail on November 7, 1872, from New York City, loaded with a cargo of commercial alcohol heading for Genoa, Italy. The ship never reached its destination, and on December 4 of the same year, was spotted 600 miles west of Gibraltar, floating aimlessly about. After boarding the ship, the rescuers discovered to their shock and amazement that everyone on board had completely vanished! Theories abound as to what happened to the crew, including an explosion, pirates, a seaquake, or bad weather; however, to this day, no one knows for sure.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Ghost Ship is partially based on the traditional sea shanty "Spanish Ladies." The opening flute passage may be played as a solo if desired.

The chimes part may be played on bells if chimes are unavailable. A ship's bell may also be used.

Take care to balance the trumpet and alto saxophone tone clusters in the section at measure 25, adjusting the volume as needed.

In the trumpet divisi in the last three measures, it is recommended that only a couple trumpets play the upper notes, with the majority of the players on the lower notes.

The final chime and suspended cymbal notes should be allowed to resonate until fading out completely.

I hope you and your ensemble find Ghost Ship to be an exciting and worthwhile musical experience!

Michael Story





FULL SCORE Approx. Duration - 2:15 Traditional Sea Shanty Arranged by Michael Story (ASCAP)





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