



Theme from Symphony No. 1, Mvt. 3

GUSTAV MAHLER

Arranged by BRAD PFEIL

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Piano or Harp
- 1 Timpani (A-D)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This versatile arrangement is a great showcase for your bass players and also provides an optional harp feature. The bass players have the option of performing the famous opening solo in 1st position or thumb position and as a bass solo or soli. Many professional conductors are having the entire bass section play the opening solo. Do not be afraid to let your young bass players explore the thumb position solo at the beginning. This is a great opportunity to expand the horizons of your bass section. An optional timpani part makes the opening bass solo even more authentic. If there is no timpani, at least one bass player needs to play the pizzicato at the beginning. The beautiful middle section is a great feature for a harp player, but it also works well without harp. While mostly in 1st position, this piece offers great opportunities for all instruments to explore higher positions. Students will love the simplicity of Mahler's haunting melody, while being challenged to maintain a slow, steady tempo.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 5:00

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Andante (♩ = 72)

Violins

Violins I and II staves, both in 4/4 time, showing rests for the first five measures.

Viola

Viola staff in 4/4 time, showing rests for the first five measures.

Cello

Cello staff in 4/4 time, showing rests for the first five measures.

String Bass

String Bass staves (Double Bass and Contrabass). The Double Bass staff includes a solo line starting in measure 6 with the instruction "Solo - Optional 8va" and fingerings "1 2" and "2 + 1". The Contrabass staff includes the instruction "Section pizz." and a dynamic marking of *mp*.

Piano or Harp

Piano or Harp staves in 4/4 time, showing rests for the first five measures. A dynamic marking of *p* is present.

Timpani
(A-D)

Timpani staff in 4/4 time, showing a continuous pattern of eighth notes. A dynamic marking of *p* is present. The staff is labeled "Tune: A, D".

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

p

1 2 1 + 2 1 +

3 + +

7 8 9 10

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Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

div. if no harp or timpani pizz.

arco

p

mp

11 12 13 14

The musical score is written for measures 11 through 14. The Violin I part has whole rests. The Violin II part begins in measure 13 with a piano (*p*) melodic line. The Viola part plays a continuous eighth-note pattern starting in measure 11, marked piano (*p*). The Cello part features a descending eighth-note scale in measure 11, marked piano (*p*), with fingerings -1, -3, -2, -3, and -2 indicated. The String Bass part has a steady eighth-note accompaniment, marked piano (*p*), with an *arco* instruction in measure 11. The Piano or Harp part enters in measure 13 with a melodic line marked mezzo-piano (*mp*). The Timpani part plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment throughout the measures.

15

Vlns. I *mp*

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

15 16 17 18

The musical score is for measures 15 through 18. It features six staves: Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, String Bass, and Piano/Harp. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). Measure 15 starts with a box containing the number 15. The Violins I staff has a dynamic marking of *mp* and a first ending bracket labeled '1'. The Cello staff has a triplet marking '-3' and a first ending bracket labeled '-1'. The Piano/Harp staff has a box containing the number 15. The Timpani staff has a box containing the number 15. The measures are numbered 15, 16, 17, and 18 at the bottom.

1

Vlns. I *p*

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello *pizz. unis.*

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

19 20 21 22

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. ⁻¹

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

23 24 25 26

29

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

27 28 29 30

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

31 32 33 34

mp

pizz.

Vlns. I ⁻¹
 Vlns. II *pizz.*
 Vla. *pizz.*
 Cello
 Str. Bass
 Pno. or Harp
 Timp.

35 36 37 38 39

Vlns. I **40** Sehr einfach *con sord.* *arco*
 Vlns. II *con sord.* *arco*
 Vla. *con sord.* *arco*
 Cello
 Str. Bass
 Pno. or Harp **40** Sehr einfach
 Timp.

40 41 42 43

I
Vlns.
II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

mp

44 45 46 47

I
Vlns.
II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

mp

49

48 49 50 51

Vlns.

First system of musical notation (measures 52-55). The system includes staves for Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass, Pno. or Harp, and Timp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The music features various dynamics including *p* (piano) and *mp* (mezzo-piano). A large red watermark "Preview Only Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Vlns.

Second system of musical notation (measures 56-59). The system includes staves for Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass, Pno. or Harp, and Timp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The music features various dynamics including *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *div.* (divisi). A large red watermark "Preview Only Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

rit.

70

A tempo

senza sord.

Vlns.

I *pp*

II *pp*

Vla.

pizz. *pp*

senza sord.

Cello

pizz.

arco

Str. Bass

p *pp* *p*

Pno. or Harp

rit. *p*

Timp.

p

68

69

70

71

Vlns.

I *mp*

II *p*

Vla.

arco *p*

Cello

p

Str. Bass

p

Pno. or Harp

p

Timp.

p

72

73

74

75

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

76 77 78 79

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

80 81 82 83

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84

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

84 85 86 87

pizz. -4

-1 V

-1

-1

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. or Harp

Timp.

88 89 90 91 92 93

pp

pp

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