

The Gettysburg Address

Text by ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Musical setting by MICHAEL STORY (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 1 Narrator (with musical cues)
- 1 Narrator (text only)
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B, Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Chimes/Bells)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: C, F)
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2 (Suspended Cymbal, Triangle)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in E Bass Clef

Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in B_b Bass Clef

Tuba in BhTreble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

The Gettysburg Address was written by Abraham Lincoln and delivered by him on November 19, 1863 as part of the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at the location of the Battle of Gettysburg in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It commemorates the fallen soldiers of the American Civil War. The powerful speech contains only ten sentences and lasted approximately two minutes. Ironically, it contains the phrase "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here...,"—the exact opposite is true, because it became one of the most well-known, and is considered one of the greatest speeches of all time.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The Gettysburg Address, which contains pieces of three civil war songs—"Battle Cry of Freedom," "Dixie," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," may be performed with or without a narrator. If no narrator is used, the piece should begin at measure 2. If a narrator is used, it is recommended that the speaker deliver the text off-stage. For narrators with some musical training, a part that indicates what the band is playing is provided along with a text-only version. The first sentence should be spoken before the band comes in at measure 2.

The alignment of text and music can be somewhat arbitrary; however, there are a couple points where the music and text should line up: 1) "... far above our poor power to add or detract" should be completed just before measure 33. 2) "... last full measure of devotion" should end right before the middle of measure 48. 3) The last phrase, "... shall not perish from the earth" should be completed at the beginning of measure 56.

I hope you and your ensemble find *The Gettysburg Address* to be an exciting and worthwhile musical experience!

Michael Story



The Gettysburg Address











39502S 17 18 19 20



39502S 21 22 23 24



39502S 25 26 27 28















39502S 49 50 51 52

Perc. 1

Perc. 2





