Shepherd's Hey

TRADITIONAL BRITISH FOLK SONG
Arranged by PATRICK ROSZELL (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION -

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

PROGRAM NOTES

Percy Grainger discovered this traditional British dancing tune in the folksong collection of the musicologist Cecil Sharp, who had heard the violinist of the Bidford Morris Dancers play this merry tune in 1906. The word 'hey' denotes a particular figure in Morris Dancing. Morris Dances are still danced by teams of 'Morris Men' decked out with bells and quaint ornaments to the music of the fiddle or 'the pipe and tabor' (a sort of drum and fife) in several agricultural districts in England. The 'hey' involves the interweaving of generally two lines of dancers.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

A delightful arrangement of this captivating tune that is easy to play! Teaching opportunities abound, including reinforcing C-natural on the A string, F-natural on the E string, and contrasting staccato and legato playing. This piece should be approached in a light and crisp manner. The staccato articulations should be approached as a lift or a space to the note, not clipping the note. The accents should be approached by adding weight to the bow; however, do not allow them to be too heavy. Throughout this arrangement I have used the phrase "to the fore." While it is an obvious nod to Percy Grainger, it should be noted that those lines should be brought out within the ensemble. I have also noted at mm. 41, 49, and 57 an increase in tempo. At all times, feel free to adjust both the tempo and dynamics to suit your ensemble.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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