



# Auld Lang Syne

*Of Days Gone By*

Lyrics by ROBERT BURNS  
TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH TUNE  
Arranged by JAN FARRAR-ROYCE

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## INSTRUMENTATION

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

The emotion and nostalgia "of days gone by" make this piece an enduring favorite. With variations in the harmony, this arrangement repeats the melody several times, creating a perfect concert piece or sing-along.

The lyrics date from 1788 when Scottish poet, Robert Burns, set them to a traditional English folk tune. The literal translation of the Scottish title is "Old Long Since." Today we might say "Of Days Gone By." This piece has become a tradition to commemorate the last evening of the old year or graduations.

This piece should be played slow enough to be sung with emotion. Fingerings for recurring passages are not repeated to keep from cluttering the parts, and when sections have several measures of rest, cue notes are included that introduce students to this publishers' technique and to offer the conductor the option to double those parts.

## 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 - 2:10

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With feeling (♩ = 90)

**Violins**  
I (Vln. 2) *mf*  
II *mf*

**Viola (Violin III)**  
*mf*

**Cello**  
*mf*

**String Bass**  
*mf*

**Vlns.**  
I  
II

**Vla. (Vln. III)**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

Play  $\vee$  9

**Vlns.**  
I  $p.$   $mf$   
II

**Vla. (Vln. III)**  
 $(Vln. 1)$   $mf$

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

8 9 10 11

**Vlns.**  
I  
II

**Vla. (Vln. III)**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

12 13 14 15

17

Vlns. I *p*

Vlns. II *p*

Vla. (Vln. III) *p* **Play** *mf*

Cello *p* *mf*

Str. Bass *p*

Lo 1

16 17 18 19

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III) *4*

Cello

Str. Bass

20 21 22 23

Vlns. I *mf*

Vlns. II *mf*

Vla. (Vln. III) *pizz.* *mp*

Cello *pizz.* *mp*

Str. Bass *pizz.*

24 25 26 27

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III) *p*

Cello *p*

Str. Bass

28 29 30 31

I Vlns. *p* *f* **33** 4 4

II Vlns. *f* arco

Vla. (Vln. III) *f* arco

Cello *f* arco

Str. Bass -4 2 -1 -4 1

32 *f* 33 34 35

I Vlns. 4 4

II Vlns.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello x1

Str. Bass -2 V

36 37 38 39

**Vlns.**  
I  
II

**Vla. (Vln. III)**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

40 41 42 43

**Vlns.**  
I  
II

**Vla. (Vln. III)**

**Cello**

**Str. Bass**

44 45 46 47 48

gradual ritard to the end

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