

# YOUNG JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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# Compared to What

Words and Music by Eugene McDaniels  
Arranged by Mike Kamuf

## INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	1st Trombone
1st E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	2nd Trombone
2nd E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	3rd Trombone (Optional)
1st B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	4th Trombone (Optional)
2nd B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	Guitar Chords
E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone (Optional)	Guitar (Optional)
1st B $\flat$ Trumpet	Piano
2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet	Bass
3rd B $\flat$ Trumpet	Drums
4th B $\flat$ Trumpet (Optional)	

## Optional/Alternate Parts

C Flute  
B $\flat$  Clarinet  
Vibraphone  
Tuba (Doubles Bass)  
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)  
1st Baritone Horn T.C./B $\flat$  Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)  
2nd Baritone Horn T.C./B $\flat$  Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone)

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

*Compared to What* is a soul jazz composition penned by Eugene McDaniels in the late 1960s. The tune's lyrics protest the Vietnam War. Although vocalist Roberta Flack first recorded the tune in early 1969, the version pianist Les McCann and saxophonist Eddie Harris recorded June 21, 1969, at the Montreux Jazz Festival earned them a gold record. This tune has been recorded by many musicians. Saxophonist Maceo Parker's recording will also inspire your students.

In the introduction, I employ a motif that McCann used during his lengthy introductory solo, which is written in the brass section. During the introduction and throughout the arrangement, observing the dynamic levels will make this chart exciting for both the players and the audience! The tune's iconic groove begins at m. 13. The left hand of the piano doubles the bass line here and often throughout. If you have a strong bassist, you may elect to have the piano player omit the left hand part in these passages. The melody begins at m. 17, the saxes take over in m. 29. Measures 33–36 act as a transition into a second statement of the melody and should end with a strong hit from the entire ensemble on beat 4 of m. 36. At m. 37, the second statement of the melody begins.

A repeated solo section begins at m. 53 and has written guide solos and chord changes for tenor sax 1 (first time) and trumpet 2 (second time). Since the solo section is a one chord vamp, I highly encourage you to open up this section to feature additional players. With just the F dominant tonality, this passage will serve as a great vehicle to allow students of any ability level to improvise. For soloing, the following concert-pitched scales work very well:

- F Mixolydian—F, G, A, B $\flat$ , C, D, E $\flat$
- F Pentatonic—F, G, A, C, D
- F Minor Pentatonic—F, A $\flat$ , B $\flat$ , C, E $\flat$
- F Blues Scale—F, A $\flat$ , B $\flat$ , B, C, E $\flat$

As with any solo passage, background figures throughout this chorus should complement the soloist without overpowering.

Measure 69 begins a short drum solo which can be improvised or played as a time solo with the dynamics tapering down to  $mf$  by m. 73, which begins a development section—again based on material that McCann played during his introduction. This passage should gradually build to the peak at m. 87, which announces in the ensuing shout chorus at m. 89. As the chart moves toward the end, I employ the melody's iconic ending hook building up to  $mf$  at m. 112. Care should be taken to play the ending ensemble chords in a manner that is both powerful and balanced.

I hope you and your students enjoy studying and playing my take on this wonderful tune, and I wish you the best for a successful performance! Enjoy!

—Mike Kamuf



**Mike  
Kamuf**

Mike Kamuf holds Bachelor of Music degrees in both jazz performance and music education from Youngstown State University and a Master of Arts degree in instrumental conducting from George Mason University. Mike's compositions and arrangements have been performed by numerous jazz artists and ensembles including the Woody Herman, Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey Orchestras, the USAF Airmen of Note, the USAF Notables, the Navy Commodores, James Moody, Eddie Daniels, Terell Stafford, Bill Watrous and Nick Brignola. Mike has performed with the Woody Herman and Tommy Dorsey Orchestras and the Alan Baylock Jazz Orchestra. He served as assistant principal trumpet of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra from 1990–92. Currently, Mike leads his own jazz octet in the Washington D.C. area.

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CONDUCTOR  
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# COMPARED TO WHAT

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EVEN 8THS  $\text{♩} = 148-152$

The musical score is arranged for a large ensemble. It includes parts for C Flute (optional), 1st and 2nd Eb Alto Saxophones, 1st and 2nd Bb Tenor Saxophones, Eb Baritone Saxophone (optional), 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Bb Trumpets, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Trombones, Guitar (optional), Piano, Bass, and Drums. The score is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 148-152 beats per minute. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The music features a prominent saxophone melody in the first system, with the piano and bass providing a steady accompaniment. The drums play a consistent pattern, with a low tom and snare drum. The score is marked with dynamics such as *mf* and *f*, and includes performance instructions like *w/BASS* and *w/SAXES*. The piece concludes with a final cadence on the eighth measure.

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CONDUCTOR

COMPARED TO WHAT

- 2 -

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

CHORD CHANGES SHOWN IN PART.

Closed H.H.

ride cym.

Cross-stick

CHORDS: Dmi7(#5), Gmi7/C, F7, Gmi7, F7, Gmi7, F7, Gmi7, F7, Gmi7

MEASURES: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

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Musical score for CONDUCTOR, featuring parts for FLUTE, ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, BARI., TPT. 1-4, TBN. 1-4, GTR., PNO., BASS, and DRUMS. The score includes a large red watermark: "Preview Requires Purchase".

Chord progression for GTR. (measures 17-24):

17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
F7	G#7	F7	G#7	F7	G#7	F7	G#7

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TEN. 1

TEN. 2

TEN. 3

TEN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

F7 Gm7 F7 Gm7 F7 Gm7 F7

FILL

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32





FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

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TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

52

SOLO 1ST TIME G7

SOLO END TIME G7

F7 G#m7 F7 G#m7/C

F7 G#m7 F7 G#m7 F7 G#m7 F7

RIM SHOT

1ST TIME - CLOSED H.H./END TIME - RIDE CYM.

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56



FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TEN. 1

TEN. 2

TEN. 3

TEN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

END SOLO

END SOLO

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FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88

mezzo

ceceo.

Guitar Chords: Gm7/C, A(m7)/D, Gm7/C

FILL

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89

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

90 91 92 93 94 95 96

SOLO FILL

This image shows a page of a musical score for the song "Compared to What". The score is for a full band and choir. The instruments listed on the left are Flute, Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Baritone, Trumpet 1-4, Trombone 1-4, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The page is numbered 12 at the top. The music is in 4/4 time and features a prominent red watermark that reads "Preview Requires Purchase" diagonally across the center. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like "mf". At the bottom, there are measure numbers 89 through 96, and a "SOLO FILL" section is indicated for the guitar part in measure 95.

CONDUCTOR

COMPARED TO WHAT

FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BAR.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TEN. 1

TEN. 2

TEN. 3

TEN. 4

GR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

2.

100

SOLO - AD LIB. OR PLAY TIME

END SOLO

97 98 99 100 101 102 103

The image shows a page of a musical score for a conductor, labeled 'CONDUCTOR' at the top left. The score is for a piece titled 'COMPARED TO WHAT'. The page number is '- 13 -'. The score includes parts for Flute, Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Baritone, Trumpet 1-4, Tenor 1-4, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The music is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. A large red watermark 'Legal Use Only Requires Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page. The score is divided into measures 97 through 103. Measure 100 contains a 'SOLO - AD LIB. OR PLAY TIME' instruction. Measure 103 ends with 'END SOLO'. The page number '13' is located at the top center.

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FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

CLOSED H.H.

104 105 106 107 108 109

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FLUTE

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPT. 1

TPT. 2

TPT. 3

TPT. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

110 111 112 113 114 115 116

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F7(#9) G#17/C

SOLO SOLO SOLO SOLO SOLO SOLO

SOLO FILL SOLO FILL

A musical score for a conductor, page 15 of a piece titled "Compared to What". The score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout with parts for Flute, Alti (Alto 1 and 2), Tenors (Tenor 1 and 2), Baritone, Trumpets (TPT. 1-4), Trombones (TBN. 1-4), Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The music is written in treble and bass clefs with various time signatures and key signatures. A large, diagonal red watermark reading "Legal Use Only Requires Purchase" is overlaid across the entire page. At the bottom, measure numbers 110 through 116 are indicated. Specific musical notations like "F7(#9)", "G#17/C", and "SOLO" are present.