

# **Turquoise**

By William Owens

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

- 1 Conductor
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 4 1st Bb Clarinet
- 4 2nd B♭ Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 5 E<sub>2</sub> Alto Saxophone
- 2 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 4 1st B<sub>b</sub> Trumpet
- 4 2nd Bb Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- 4 Trombone
- 2 Baritone
- 2 Baritone T.C.
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Piano (Optional)
- 2 Bells
- 2 Vibraphone
- 2 Percussion 1 (Triangle, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2
  - (Mark Tree/Suspended Cymbal)
- 2 Timpani (Tune: G, B, D

### WORLD PARTS

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- E♭ Alto Clarinet
- E Contra Alto Clarinet
- Bb Contra Bass Clarinet
- Horn
- B) Trombone B.C.
- B♭ Trombone T.C.
- B<sub>b</sub> Baritone B.C.
- E♭ Tuba B.C.
- E♭ Tuba T.C.
- B♭ Tuba B.C.
- Bb Tuba T.C.
- String Bass

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

As I've stated in previous instances, writing music to honor the memory of a departed child is never an easy task. To the Munday High School Band, the community of Munday, and the family and friends of Lexi Collins, this work comes with sincere condolences and a heavy heart. Lexi will be forever remembered for courageously and selflessly serving her community as an assistant to health-care workers during the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak.

To this, *Turquoise* is a modest, loving tribute to a vibrant and remarkably civic-minded young lady. The piece is gentle and soft for the large part, typifying a deep and sincere concern for the well-being of others. The music then becomes quite strong, as we become gradually aware and stand in awe of the great impact one little girl had on her community. Toward the end, we're once again reminded of the sweet spirt that blessed us all.

As to the title of the work, turquoise was Lexi's favorite color.

#### NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The music should have a warm and gentle quality. Though the music is quite strong at times, please acknowledge that there are no "hard edges." To this, standard percussion instruments such as snare drum and crash cymbals were intentionally omitted. While the piano part will add tremendously to the beauty and character of the music, the piece is quite functional without it.







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