

CANTIQUE DE NOEL

(O Holy Night)

Arranged by ROBERT W. SMITH (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- 8 C Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 4 Ist B Clarinet
- 4 2nd B Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 5 E Alto Saxophone

- 2 B Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 4 Ist B Trumpet
- 4 2nd B Trumpet
- 4 Horn in F
- 4 Trombone
- 2 Baritone
- I Baritone Treble Clef

- Tuba
- Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- Timpani
- 2 Percussion I (Triangle,
 - Wind Chimes)
- Percussion II (Wind Chimes,Suspended Cymbal)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

"Cantique de Noel" should be interpretted very gently yet with a sense of motion. The phrasing is crucial to the overall effect of this arrangement. For example, the first statement of the melody in the horns must be treated with the utmost care. I suggest teaching the ensemble to sing the original carol with lyrics to reinforce phrasing throughout.

The intensity begins to grow at measure 40. Careful attention should be given to balance within the line of the crescendo in order to preserve the ensemble color.

I have liberally cued "sensitive" voices throughout. However, if the instrumentation allows, the arrangement as notated will provide an excellent opportunity to teach tonal color and texture. Please note that the oboe is used in a "one only" or solo manner through most of the piece. For the ensemble with a full oboe section, I suggest alternating soloists as ability allows.

I hope you, your band, and your audience find "Cantique de Noel" to be a rewarding experience. Best wishes for a great performance!

Robert W. Smith

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