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The Winds of Poseidon

From *The Odyssey (Symphony No. 2)*

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INSTRUMENTATION

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Conductor | 1 E♭ Baritone Saxophone |
| 1 C Piccolo | 3 1st B♭ Trumpet |
| 3 1st C Flute | 3 2nd B♭ Trumpet |
| 3 2nd C Flute | 3 3rd B♭ Trumpet |
| 1 1st Oboe | 2 1st and 2nd Horn in F |
| 1 2nd Oboe | 2 3rd and 4th Horn in F |
| 3 1st B♭ Clarinet | 2 1st Trombone |
| 3 2nd B♭ Clarinet | 2 2nd Trombone |
| 3 3rd B♭ Clarinet | 2 3rd Trombone |
| 1 B♭ Bass Clarinet | 2 Euphonium |
| 1 E♭ Contrabass Clarinet | 1 Euphonium Treble Clef |
| 2 Bassoon | 4 Tuba |
| 3 E♭ Alto Saxophone | 1 Piano (Synthesizer) |
| 1 B♭ Tenor Saxophone | |
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PROGRAM NOTES

Described as "the best story ever written," Homer's *The Odyssey* is perhaps the most popular work in ancient Greek literature. It has been a literary favorite for more than three thousand years.

When *The Odyssey* opens, ten years have passed since the end of the Trojan War. Odysseus, hero of the war and king of Ithaca, has yet to return home. To the kind and gracious Phaeacians, upon whose island Odysseus has been shipwrecked, he recounts his wanderings, including the torments and trials of the past ten years. The story Odysseus tells makes for the most imaginative, fantastic, and influential reading in all of literature.

The Winds of Poseidon is based on the classic story. Odysseus has angered Poseidon (Neptune), son of Cronus and king of the sea. The winds of Poseidon continue to blow Odysseus and his crew through many adventures. On this movement, the composer captures the essence of the powerful wind and waves that propel Odysseus on his fantastic journey. The center section of the work was inspired by the tale of the Sirens, whose singing of the most beautiful of music lures sailors to their deaths on the rocks. As the story goes, anyone who unwarily draws in too close and hears the singing of the Sirens, his wife and children will never welcome him home again. Odysseus is naturally very curious and wants to hear the alluring musical phrases. He stops his men's ears with wax and has himself lashed to the mast. He warns his men not to allow him loose, no matter how much he begs and prays.

The Winds of Poseidon was commissioned by and is dedicated to Dr. Peter Loel Boonshaft and the Hofstra University Symphonic Band. This movement, the second of *The Odyssey* (Symphony No. 2), was completed in November of 1997 and premiered by this talented ensemble in December of 1998.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

The opening euphonium solo should be very freely interpreted. The soloist should approach the solo as if he/she were playing a ram's horn calling the troops in battle.

The chromatic figures at measure 10 (upper woodwinds and piano) should be played with a vengeance! The tempo should be very brisk, yet no faster than the trumpet melody will allow. Care should be given to the dynamic shapes in the chromatic lines. They are crucial to the intended "wind" effect.

The low brass/reed entrance at measure 28 should be very powerful in its interpretation, yet not forced. Great care should be given to the balance of the line. The lowest octaves (tuba/contrabass clarinet/piano) should be given priority, never allowing the trombones to overshadow. I suggest isolating the trumpet countermelody at bar 34 with the low brass/reed melody to ensure confidence in the ensemble with the interaction of the two lines. The culmination of this interaction is the fortissimo at measure 40. Be sure to balance the decrescendo against the eighth note ostinato to ensure presence of the moving line.

The bells play a very important role during the ostinato beginning at 40. The mallet line should be equal in weight to the bassoon/piano, propelling the melody forward. The chromatic quotes should be "in the background" to work with the ostinato and bells.

The crescendo under the chromatic runs beginning in bar 59 should be very powerful. Despite the accent markings, the quarter notes at bar 61 should not be too short. The entire section must maintain the tempo and energy of the previous statement.

The muted trumpet/trombone figures beginning in bar 75 should be balanced for presence. Feel free to adjust the dynamic marking based on the size of the ensemble. The dissonant sforzando effects should be balanced to ensure equal weight between the first and second parts.

The transition beginning in bar 98 is written to achieve maximum intensity, allowing the next section of the work to be more tranquil by comparison. The thundersheet should be as large as possible and played with mallets. For the premiere performance, Dr. Boonshaft used a suspended fifteen-foot by four-foot sheet with great success. The use of the large thundersheet also adds an exciting visual element to the performance. As the tempo changes at measure 102, be sure to allow the thunder to "fade into the distance." This will require a transition from the mallets to simply shaking the sheet to achieve the desired effect.

The whirling tubes (available at most toy stores) should be cut to sound E \flat , F, and B \flat . Please note that two different pitches are easily performed on a tube by adjusting the rotation speed. The F was achieved by using the same length tube as the B \flat and then adjusting the speed. I suggest using as many tubes spaced around the ensemble as personnel will allow.

The oboe solo must be freely interpreted. The presence of the oboe above the drone may require adjusting the dynamic markings based on the size of the ensemble. The vocal response should be performed by female voices only. If the situation warrants, double the vocals with females in the brass section as needed.

The fermata at bar 158 allows the ocean drum and whirling tubes to fade "into the distance" before the intensity of the journey resumes. The ocean drum should release before the tubes, allowing the timpanist transition time to retrieve mallets. The tubes should sustain to the first bar of the new statement. The "fading" effect may be achieved by decreasing the number of tubes gradually over the bar. I will defer to your better musical judgement based on the size of your percussion section.

Measure 196 should be absolutely vicious! The fortissimo-mezzo piano effect beginning in bar 198 should culminate in the strongest of crescendos, with care given to the changing accent patterns. The piano glissando effects should be very strong! The fermata in bar 208 should be sustained long enough to allow the crescendo to build to the appropriate point of conclusion with the final note. The last note should be interpreted with length to ensure the necessary musical climax.

I hope you and your ensemble find *The Winds of Poseidon* to be a very exciting performance opportunity. In addition, I hope you enjoy *The Odyssey* (Symphony No. 2) in its entirety. Best wishes for great success in all of your musical endeavors.

Robert W. Smith

THE WINDS OF POSEIDON
from "The Odyssey" (Symphony No. 2)

CONDUCTOR

By ROBERT W. SMITH (ASCAP)

Freely $\text{♩} = 72$

The musical score consists of five systems of staves, each representing a different instrument or group of instruments. The instruments listed on the left are: C Piccolo, C Flutes, Oboes, B♭ Clarinets, B♭ Bass Clarinet, E♭ Contrabass Clarinet, Bassoon, E♭ Alto Saxophone, B♭ Tenor Saxophone, E♭ Baritone Saxophone, B♭ Trumpets, Horns in F, Trombones, Euphonium, Tuba, Piano (Synthesizer), Mallet Percussion (Bells, Chimes), Timpani (Ocean Drums), Percussion I (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Piccolo Triangle, Sleigh Bells), Percussion II (Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Finger Cymbals), and Percussion III (Wind Chimes, Gong, Thundersheet, Whirling Tubes). The score is in common time (indicated by a '4'). The first system starts with a key signature of one flat (F#). The second system starts with a key signature of two flats (B♭). The third system starts with a key signature of one flat (F#). The fourth system starts with a key signature of two flats (B♭). The fifth system starts with a key signature of one flat (F#). The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* and *p*, and performance instructions like "(a la ram's horn)". A large red watermark reading "Preview Legal Use Requires Purchase Only" is diagonally across the page.

Conductor - 2

10 With a vengeance! $\text{J} = 180$

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

With a vengeance! $\text{J} = 180$

mp

tr

mp

With a vengeance! $\text{J} = 180$

mp

Wind Chimes

Picc. Trgl.
 mfp

Conductor - 3

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Susp. Cym.

Perc. II

Perc. III

12 13 14 15 16

Conductor - 4

19

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

17 18 19 20 21

Conductor - 5

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

28

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

div.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

28

ff

mf

div.

mf

tr

mf

f

f

f

ff

ff

ff

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

Bells

f

p

f

B.D.

f

p

f

Cr. Cyms.

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Clz. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timpani

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

44

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl. *mf*

Cb. Cl. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

44

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano *mf*

Mallet *mf*

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Scrape w/Triangle beater

Perc. III

Wind Chimes

44 45 46 47 48 49

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3
Cue: 2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbps. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

50 51 52 53 54

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cl. 1
p *mf*

Cl. 2
p *mf*

Cl. 3
p *mf*

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

55 56 57 58 59

61

61

Thundersheet **ff**

71

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 2
3

Hns. 1
2

3
4

Tbns. 1
2

3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

71

66 67 68 69 70 71

75

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

72 73 74 75 76 77

75 One player St. Mute

One player St. Mute

Scrape w/Triangle beater

Wind Chimes

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Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2

3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2

3

Hns. 1
2

3
4

Tbns. 1
2

3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Conductor - 16

78

79

80

81

82

83

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Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

84

85

86

87

88

89

92

90 91 92 93 94

Thundersheet

Review Requires Purchase

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Chimes

Thundersheet (lightning!!)

95 96 97 98 99

Conductor - 20

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104 **Freely**

J = 72 Let thunder fade into distance.

Picc. Fls. Obs. Cls. B. Cl. Cb. Cl. Bsn. A. Sax T. Sax B. Sax

Tpts. Hns. Solo (a la ram's horn)

Tbns. Euph. Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Bells w/soft mallets

Finger Cymbals

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

(Sv.)
Piano
(Sv.)

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

105 106 107 108 109 110

Conductor - 22

"Sirens"
Slightly faster $\text{J} = 80$

Review Only

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

rit.

Cls. 1
2
3

rit.

B. Cl.

rit.

stagger breathe w/low reeds

Cb. Cl.

rit.

stagger breathe w/low reeds

stagger breathe w/willow reeds

Bsn.

rit.

A. Sax

rit.

T. Sax

rit.

B. Sax

rit.

"Sirens"

114 Slightly faster $\text{J} = 80$

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

rit.

rit.

rit.

Tuba

(8^{ve})

rit.

Cue: Synthesizer

Piano

(8^{ve})

rit.

rit.

Synth: Synth. Strings

Mallet

rit.

Ocean Drum(s)

Timpani

rit.

mp

Perc. I

f rit.

3
4 mp

Perc. II

rit.

3
4

Whirling Tubes (E^b, B^b, F)

Perc. III

rit.

3
4

(Use as many tubes as instrumentation allows. Tubes to

(Use as many tubes as instrumentation allows. Tubes to be tuned to E^b, B^b and F, creating tonic, fifth and second.)

(Double female voices in brass if necessary)
Female voices only

118

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Solo (expressive)

mf

Sing (Ah) *mp*

Sing (Ah) *mp*

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbps. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

118

116 117 118 119 120 121

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

134

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

134

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timpani

Perc. I

Susp. Cym.
Scrape w/Triangle beater

Perc. II

Wind Chimes

Perc. III

134 135 136 137 138 139

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Obs. 1

Obs. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Hns. 3

Hns. 4

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

Tbns. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

140

141

142

143

144

145

150 Gently, freely

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150 Gently, freely

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Obs. 1

Obs. 2

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

rit.

rit.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

B. Sax

rit.

1

2

3

Tpts.

1

2

3

Hns.

1

2

3

4

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

Tbns.

1

2

3

Euph.

Tuba

rit.

rit.

rit.

rit.

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Whirling Tubes (E \flat , B \flat , F)

All Play

159 With renewed energy! $\text{J} = 180$

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Obs. 1
Obs. 2

Cls. 1
Cls. 2
Cls. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3

Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Hns. 3
Hns. 4

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Cr. Cyms.

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Conductor - 31

163 164 165 166 167 168

173

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Obs. 1
Obs. 2

Cls. 1
Cls. 2
Cls. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3

Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Hns. 3
Hns. 4

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

169 170 171 172 173 174

Scrape w/Triangle beater

Wind Chimes

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Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

175 176 177 178 179 180

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

tutti St. Mute

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

181 182 183 184 185 186

190

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet

Timpani

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

190

tutti Open

187 188 189 190 Thundersheet 191

196 Vicious!

Picc.
Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Obs. 1
Obs. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3
B. Cl.
Cb. Cl.
Bsn.
A. Sax
T. Sax
B. Sax

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Hns. 3
Hns. 4
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Euph.
Tuba
Piano
Mallet
Timp.
Perc. I
Perc. II
Perc. III

Building

Picc. -

Fls. 1, 2 -

Obs. 1, 2 -

Cls. 1, 2, 3 -

B. Cl. -

Cb. Cl. -

Bsn. -

A. Sax -

T. Sax -

B. Sax -

Building

Tpts. 1, 2, 3 -

Hns. 1, 2, 3, 4 -

Tbns. 1, 2, 3 -

Euph. -

Tuba -

Piano -

Mallet -

Tim. -

Perc. I -

Perc. II -

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Random Chimes (E Major Scale)

f gliss.

All Cyms. ad lib. a la lightning

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