Duration: 2:00 **GRADE 1.5** 

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## Instrumentation:

Bb Clarinet 2 - 4

**b** Bass Clarinet

Eb Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone - 1
Bb Trumpet | -2

Bb Trumpet 2 - 2
Horn - 2

rombone - 3

Baritone, Bassoon - 2

Baritone Treble Clef - 1

Tuba - 2

String Bass - 1

Bells - 1

Drum Set - 1

Claves, Cabasa, Tambourine - 1

Conga Drums - 1

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This original piece is composed as a light, pop tune for concert band. You Must Know combines elements of Latin music and rock music.

The song opens with a strong rhythm being played over a chord progression. This builds into an interface, with the melody being played by the flute, oboe, and clarinets, which is also to be played with a powerful feel. This section is followed by a contrast, as a number of instruments drop out at measure 17. The flutes continue to play the melody, while a rhythmic feel is created by the clarinets and low brass and woodwinds. Be sure this feel is played accurately and does not slow down the tempo.

At measure 25, the trumpets take over the main melody, with the flutes and alto saxophone playing a countermelody. Be sure the countermelody does not dominate this section. The two melodies are meant to compliment each other, so they should be well balanced.

Measures 33 to 48 would be considered the 'chorus' of the song, so it is to be played with lots of energy. Make sure the students do not over blow here.

One area of concern in this piece may be the triplets in measures 16, 56, and 96. It is at the discretion of the director on how to approach teaching the triplet, whether it is done by rote, the use of a word to represent the triplet, or through a conducting strategy, just be sure that the plays the rhythm accurately and in time.

Ryan Meeboer is a music educator, who obtained his degree through the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. As a composer, he has written and arranged many pieces for concert band, jazz band, and small ensembles. His young band piece, Last Voyage of the Queer Anne's Revenge, has been well received by performers, educators, and audiences, and his pieces are starting to be found on testival and contest lists. As a performer, he has had experience in several groups, including concert and stage bands, chamber choir, vocal jazz ensemble, acoustic duets, and the Hamilton based swing group, "The Main Swing Connection".

Ryan began studying music at the age of seven through private guitar lessons. During his years in elementary and secondary school, he gained experience in several families of instruments. Focusing on music education and theory (including composition and orchestration), he attended McMaster University to achieve his honours degree in music. Ryan is currently a teacher for the Halton District School Board in Ontario, where he continues to compose and arrange.

Please contact the composer if you require any further information about this piece or his availability for commissioning new works and appearances.

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