

# A Hero's Quest

David Marlatt (b.1973)

PREVIEW ONLY

Instrumentation:

Flute - 8  
Oboe - 2  
Bb Clarinet 1 - 4  
Bb Clarinet 2 - 4  
Bb Bass Clarinet - 2  
Eb Alto Saxophone 1 - 2  
Eb Alto Saxophone 2 - 2  
Bb Tenor Saxophone - 2  
Eb Baritone Saxophone - 1  
Bb Trumpet 1 - 4  
Bb Trumpet 2 - 4  
F Horn - 2  
Trombone - 2  
Baritone, Bassoon - 3  
Baritone Treble Clef - 1  
Tuba - 2  
String Bass - 1  
Chimes, Bells, Wind Chimes - 2  
Snare Drum, Claves, Bass Drum - 2  
Claves, Tambourine, Tom-toms (2),  
Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals - 4

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There have been many mythical heroes in famous literature. From the heroes in ancient Roman and Greek myths to the heroes of Japan, native America and India, they come in all shapes and sizes. Their quests may all be different but there are some constants in all great stories.

First there is the *Call to Adventure* - where the hero sets out with her/his task in hand. The mission begins and the story unfolds. Next comes the *Tests, Allies and Enemies* where the hero confronts enemies in battle, finds friends to align with and bravery and skill are put to the test. With conflict often comes *Loss*. Sometimes great loss. It could be a loved one or a friend in battle. Often the hero's heart is heavy with the unfortunate results of adventures. *The Road Home* is always welcome. As fun as an adventure is to go on, there is nothing like returning home to family, loved ones and time to reflect on one's quests.

Each section in this piece has a different character or style to it. Be sure to have students "change gears" when the tempo or style switches. After a majestic opening, the fast *Energetically* section starts. Keep all notes lightly tongued and dynamic down under the melody which enters in the mid voices at 13. The melody gets passed around to other voices until a unison *forte* dynamic at 29 brings this section to a close. Bar 30 starts a whole new feel - very smooth and *legato*. Encourage the players to bring their dynamic down to make a difference here. Pay careful attention to the articulations marked - make the shorts, short and the accents, accented.

**LOSS** must be played very sustained at all times. The pyramid building up from the lowest voices must be balanced with each other but still under the trumpet melody at 51. Pick up to 67 sees a slightly happier, more optimistic harmony come to life which builds to a powerful *forte* at 74. Then the trumpet melody and flute countermelody take over again - sad and mournful.

*The Road Home* is full of energy and exuberance again. We are heading home, driving to the end with clean, crisp articulations and a tight ending with all players playing short *staccatos*.

David Marlatt has composed pieces for concert band, string orchestra, brass quintet, trumpet ensemble, piano, tuba and trumpet. His writing style is diverse and he has written for a wide range of difficulty levels from very young concert band to professional brass quintet. His jazz based trumpet ensemble pieces Groovy Vamp and A Coconut Named Alex have been well received by audiences everywhere and his concert band compositions are found on many contest lists. He has also arranged over 1000 pieces of repertoire from the Baroque to the Romantic eras such as Monteverdi madrigals, a large suite of music from Handel's Messiah, Largo from New World Symphony and even Mahler's First Symphony.

Mr. Marlatt is a trumpet player who obtained a music education degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He was Principal Cornet in the Whitby Brass Band for 6 years and founder of the trumpet ensemble Trumpets in Style. As a performer, he has played in jazz bands, brass quintets, orchestras, concert bands, brass bands and period instrument ensembles.

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## CALL TO ADVENTURE

Majestically  $\text{♩} = 80$

2

3

4

Flute

Oboe

B♭ Clarinet 1

B♭ Clarinet 2

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophone 1

E♭ Alto Saxophone 2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

F Horn

Trombone

Baritone Bassoon

Tuba

Chimes

Wind Chimes

Snare Drum

Claves

Bass Drum

Claves

Tambourine

Tom-toms (2)

Suspended Cymbal

Crash Cymbals

Crash Cymbal

5

6

7

*molto rit.*

TESTS, ALLIES and ENEMIES  
Energetically  $\text{♩} = 144$

10

Fl. *p* *f*

Ob. *mf* *f*

Cl 1 *f* *p* *f*

Cl 2 *f* *p* *f*

B Cl. *mf* *f*

A Sax 1 *f* *mp* *f*

A Sax 2 *f* *mp* *f*

T Sax *f* *mp* *f*

B Sax *f* *mf* *f*

Tpt 1 *f* *mf* *f*

Tpt 2 *f* *mf* *f*

Hn. *f* *mf* *f*

Trbn. *f* *mf* *f*

Bari. *f* *mf* *f*

Tuba. *f* *mf* *f*

Chimes *f*

Bells *f*

W.C. *f*

S.D. *f*

Claves *f*

B.D. *f*

Claves *f*

Tamb. *f*

T.T. *f*

S.C. *f*

C.C. *f*

*div.*

Susp Cym. *p* *f*

Tamb. *f*

11 12 13 14 15 16

Fl

Ob

Ci 1

Ci 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

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17

18

19

20

21

22

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

**PREVIEW ONLY**

23

24

25

26

27

28

Fl

Ob

Ci 1

Ci 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

29            30            31            32            33            34

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

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dampen

mp

p

div.

mp

p

Susp Cym with stick

35

36

37

38

39

40

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

41

42

43 *molto rit.* 44

45

LOSS

Reflectively

47

Fl. *p*

Ob. *p*

Cl 1 *p*  
*mf*

Cl 2 *p*  
*mf*

B Cl. *p*  
*mf*

A Sax 1 *p*

A Sax 2 *p*  
*mf*

T Sax *p*  
*mf*

B Sax *p*

# PREVIEW ONLY

Tpt 1 *p*

Tpt 2 *p*

Hn *p*

Trbn *p*  
*mf*

Bari Bsn *p*

Tuba *p*  
*mf*

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

48

49

50

51

52

53

54

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari  
Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

**PREVIEW ONLY**

1 player only  
play out

*mp* very sustained

Wind Chimes

55 56 57 58 59 60 61

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

*mp very sustained*

tutti

*mp very sustained*

*p very sustained*

tutti

*p very sustained*

tutti

tutti

Wind Chimes

Claves

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62 63 64 65 66 67 68

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari  
Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

Bells

Susp Cym  
soft mallets

69

70

71

72

rit. 73

74

a Tempo  
opt. 1 player

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari

Bsn

Tuba

Chimes

Bells

W.C.

S.D.

Claves

B.D.

Claves

Tamb.

T.T.

S.C.

C.C.

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*choke*

*Susp Cym - scrape with Triangle beater*

76 77 78 79 80 81 82

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari  
Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

83

84

rit. 85

86

## THE ROAD HOME

Energetically  $\text{♩} = 144$ 

88

Fl.

Ob.

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl.

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn.

Trbn.

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

Wind Chimes

Bells

S.D.

Tamb.

**PREVIEW ONLY**

89      90      91      92      93      94

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari  
Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

95

96

97

98

99

100

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

101

102

103

104

105

Fl.

Ob.

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl.

A Sax 1

A Sax 2

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Chimes  
Bells  
W.C.

S.D.  
Claves  
B.D.

Claves  
Tamb.  
T.T.  
S.C.  
C.C.

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dampen

dampen

Susp Cym  
soft mallets

choke