

# The Bronze Age

Frank McKinney (b. 1953)

Flute - 8  
Oboe - 2  
Bb Clarinet - 8  
Bb Bass Clarinet - 2  
Eb Alto Saxophone - 6  
Bb Tenor Saxophone - 2  
Eb Baritone Saxophone - 1  
Bb Trumpet - 6  
F Horn - 2  
Trombone, Baritone, Bassoon - 6  
Baritone Treble Clef - 1  
Tuba - 2  
String Bass - 1  
Bells - 1  
Snare Drum, Bass Drum - 1  
Concert Tom - 1  
Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Tambourine - 3

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The Bronze Age saw the invention of the wheel, the ox-drawn plow and the first uses of metal. This dramatic and expressive composition introduces the key of concert D minor yet easily remains within the grade 0.5 range. There are simple two-note slurs, dynamics from *pp* to *ff*, and colorful lines for every player. Percussion is written for bells, one concert tom, triangle, tambourine and a suspended cymbal. Unusual harmonies and melodies with supportive percussion make this a good choice for teaching a wide range of musical concepts to developing bands.

Preview

After graduating from the Florida State University School of Music in 1976, Frank McKinney taught middle and high school band for thirty eight years in Florida and Georgia. Retired from teaching, Frank now is a composer of wind band literature for Eighth Note Publications in Markham, Canada. He is an active local musician, playing alto saxophone for the Georgia Wind Symphony and the Young Harris College Community Band, is the pianist for Misty Mountain Winds, and leader of the jazz combo, The Swing Set. Frank is a member of the National Association of Music Educators, the Florida Music Educators Association, the Florida Bandmasters Association, the National Band Association and the Georgia Music Educators Association. He and his wife, Cara, live near Blairsville where they enjoy the outdoors with their cat, Howdy.

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Concert Band

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Sadly  $\text{♩} = 76$       2      3      4      5      6

Flute *p*

Oboe *p*

B♭ Clarinet *p*

B♭ Bass Clarinet *p*

E♭ Alto Saxophone *p*

B♭ Tenor Saxophone *p*

E♭ Baritone Saxophone *p*

B♭ Trumpet *p*

F Horn *p*

Trombone  
Baritone  
Bassoon *p*

Tuba *p*

Bells *p*

Snare Drum  
Bass Drum *p*

Concert Tom

Triangle  
Suspended Cymbal  
Tambourine *p*

S.C. w/stick





19

20

21

22

23

24

Fl

Ob

Cl

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt

Hn

Trbn  
Bari  
Bsn

Tuba

Bells

S.D.  
B.D.

Tom

Tri.  
S.C.  
Tamb

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. The woodwinds (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet) and saxophones (Alto, Tenor, Bass) play melodic lines with various articulations. The brass section (Trumpet, Horn, Trombone/Bassoon, Tuba) provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The percussion section includes Bells, Snare and Bass Drums, Tom, and Triangle/Steel Cymbal/Tambourine, all contributing to the rhythmic texture of the piece.







37

38

39

40

41

42

Fl

Ob

Cl

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt

Hn

Trbn  
Bari  
Bsn

Tuba

Bells

S.D.  
B.D.

Tom

Tri.  
S.C.  
Tamb

43  
Stronger

44

45

46

47

48

Musical score for measures 43-48, titled "Stronger". The score is for a full orchestra and includes the following parts:

- Flute (Fl)
- Oboe (Ob)
- Clarinet (Cl)
- Bass Clarinet (B Cl)
- Alto Saxophone (A Sax)
- Tenor Saxophone (T Sax)
- Bass Saxophone (B Sax)
- Trumpet (Tpt)
- Horn (Hn)
- Trumpet/Bass Trombone/Bassoon (Trbn Bari Bsn)
- Tuba
- Bells
- Snare Drum (S.D.)
- Bass Drum (B.D.)
- Tom
- Triangle (Tri.)
- Shaker (S.C.)
- Tambourine (Tamb)

The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The dynamic marking *f* (forte) is present at the beginning of each staff. The percussion parts include a snare drum pattern, a bass drum pattern, and a triangle part marked "S.C. w/stick".

