

# WHEN SPIRITS SOAR

Brian Balmages

## Instrumentation

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Trombone 1   |
| 1 - Piccolo                | 2 - Trombone 2   |
| 4 - Flute 1                | 2 - Trombone 3   |
| 4 - Flute 2                | 2 - Baritone/<br>Euphonium   |
| 2 - Oboe                   | 2 - Baritone T.C.  |
| 2 - Bassoon                | 4 - Tuba   |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 1          | 1 - Piano  |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 2          | 1 - Bells  |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 3          | 1 - Vibraphone   |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet       | 2 - Timpani<br>Crotales  |
| 1 - E♭ Contrabass Clarinet | 3 - Percussion 1<br>Snare Drum<br>Bass Drum  |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1    | 2 Tuned Crystal Water Glasses  |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2    | 3 - Percussion 2<br>Triangle<br>Crash Cymbals<br>Suspended Cymbal<br>Wind Chimes<br>Finger Cymbals |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone     |  |
| 2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone  |  |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 1           |  |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 2           |  |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 3           |  |
| 2 - F Horn 1               |  |
| 2 - F Horn 2               |  |

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## The Composer

Brian Balmages is an active composer, conductor, and performer. He received his bachelor's degree in music from James Madison University and his master's degree from the University of Miami in Florida. Mr. Balmages's compositions have been performed worldwide at conferences including the CBDNA National Conference, the Midwest Clinic, the International Tuba/Euphonium Conference, the International Trombone Festival, and the International Trumpet Guild Conference. His active schedule of commissions and premieres has incorporated groups ranging from elementary schools to professional ensembles, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the Miami Symphony Orchestra, and the University of Miami Wind Ensemble. Currently, he is director of instrumental publications at The FJH Music Company Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and an adjunct faculty member at Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Balmages studied trumpet with James Kluesner, Don Tison, and Gilbert Johnson. He is a freelance musician in the Baltimore area, and has performed with the Miami Symphony Orchestra, the Florida Chamber Orchestra, Skyline Brass, and the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra.

## About the Music

*When Spirits Soar* was commissioned by Director Jim Pennington and the Douglas S. Freeman High School Concert Band. The title is significant in that it carries a double meaning. The first meaning refers to the celebration at having reached the 50th anniversary of the school. It describes the outer sections of the piece, which abound with energy and excitement.

The second meaning refers to a tragic time in the history of the school when two seniors were killed in a car accident. The following morning, seniors were told of what had happened. The band was scheduled to perform at another school that night, but their director told them that, given the circumstances, they were not required to perform. But everyone decided to perform, and the results were one of the most emotionally powerful performances the band has ever had. The tragedy, struggle, and resolve are portrayed in the lyrical section of the piece. A soft and ethereal section uses several effects to convey the presence of these and other spirits in our lives.

A synthesizer producing a high-pitched—ethereal sound may be substituted for crystal glasses, though glasses are strongly preferred. A vibraphone cue is offered if neither are available. As notated in the score, certain band members should sing a concert G as written. Men may wish to sing it an octave lower, but it should not be sung any lower than that. If musicians have difficulty reaching the pitch, it is best that they rest during the passage.

Percussion 1 and 2 are playable with two players each, though additional players may be used if available. The piano part is most important in the lyrical section, and may be omitted in the outer sections if necessary.

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# WHEN SPIRITS SOAR

BRIAN BALMAGES  
(ASCAP)

With energy ( $\text{J} = 144$ )

Piccolo

Flutes 1  
2

f

Oboe

Bassoon

f

B♭ Clarinets 1  
2

f

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Contrabass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1  
2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

With energy ( $\text{J} = 144$ )

B♭ Trumpets 1  
2

f

F Horns 1  
2

Trombones 1  
2

Baritone/Euphonium

Tuba

Piano

f

Bells

Vibraphone

Timpani (Crotales)  
(F, B♭, C)

Percussion 1  
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum, 2 Tuned Crystal Water Glasses\*)

Percussion 2  
(Triangle, Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Wind Chimes, Finger Cymbals)

Cr. Cym.

\*2 glasses should be filled with enough water to resonate a concert G when rubbed around the rim.

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Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn. *f*

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl. *f*

C.B. Cl. *f*

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax. *f*

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

B.D. *f*

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3

Cl.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxos  
1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.  
1  
2  
3

Hns.  
1  
2

Tbns.  
1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Eup.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp.  
Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

11

a2

f

s.d.

mf

11

12

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1 Cls.  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Tim. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

w/medium hard mallets

w/medium hard mallets

f pedal

f

Picc.

Fls. 1  
Fls. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
Tpts. 2  
Tpts. 3

Hns. 1  
Hns. 2

Tbns. 1  
Tbns. 2  
Tbns. 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Sus. Cym.

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3

Cls.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

1  
2

A. Saxes

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
2  
3

Tpts.

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

28

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2 *mp*

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3 *mp*

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2 *p* Hn. 1 *p* Hn. 2 *p* play

T. Sax. *p* Bar./Eup. *mp*

B. Sax. *v*

Tpts. 1  
2  
3 *v*

Hns. 1  
2 *p* *p* a2 *mp*

Tbns. 1  
2  
3 *v* *mp*

Bar./Eup.

Tuba

Piano *v* *mp*

Bells

Vibr.

Tim. Crot. *v* (F to G)

Perc. 1 *v* choke

Perc. 2 *v* Tri. *p* pedal

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

34

35

36

37

*p*

38

Picc.

Fls. 1

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

Bar./Eup.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

46

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45 mp

46 ff

47

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

Bar./Eup.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3  
Cls.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

1  
2  
A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
2  
3  
Tpts.

Hns. 1 2

1  
2  
3  
Tbns.

Bar./Eup.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

52

53

mp

54 ff

55

56

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Eup.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

57 *mp*

58 *f*

59

60

61

*ff*

*ff*

*p*, one player

dampen

dampen

(G to F, C to E $\flat$ )

*x*

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62 Solemn ( $\text{♩} = 64$ )

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2 Solo  $p$  2. one player

Ob.

Bsn.

1 Cls. one player  $p$  one player

2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

1 A. Saxs. Solo  $p$  play one player  $p$

2 Hn. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

62 Solemn ( $\text{♩} = 64$ )

1 Tpts. Hns. 1 & 2  $p$  tutti

2 3

Hns. 1 2 Solo 2. one player  $p$

1 2 Tbns. 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano 8va.  $p$  pedal always

Bells

Vibr. slow motor w/yarn mallets  $p$

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1 W. Ch. touch lightly Tri.

Perc. 2

69 Moving forward ( $\text{J} = 72$ )

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

two players  
mp

Cls. 1  
2

mp

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.  
Tbn. 3  
pp

B. Sax.

69 Moving forward ( $\text{J} = 72$ )

Tpts. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2

Tbn. 1  
2  
pp

Tbn. 3  
pp

Bar./Euph.  
pp

Tuba  
pp

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

69 70 71 72 73 74 75

rit.

79 A tempo

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

pp

1  
2  
3

tutti pp

pp

pp

Hn. 1

A. Saxes  
1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.  
1  
2  
3

Hns.  
1  
2

p

a2

Tbns.  
1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

p

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

rit.

79 A tempo

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Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

Hn. 1  
2

A. Sax.  
Hn. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp.  
Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90

With resolve ( $\downarrow = 72$ )

Picc.

Fls. 1 *tutti* *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes

T. Sax. play *tutti* *mp*

B. Sax. *p* *mp*

Tpts. 1

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

Tbns. 3

Bar./Eup.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

91      92      93      94      *p*      95      96      97

accel. poco a poco

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

98 *p* ————— 99 *mf* ————— 100 ————— 101 ————— 102 *mp* ————— 103 *f* ————— 104

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107 Desolate ( $\downarrow = 64$ )

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1 Cls.  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

1 A. Saxes  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

107 Desolate ( $\downarrow = 64$ )

dampen

Crystal Glasses

p

(E $\flat$  to C)

2 Crystal Glasses tuned to concert G\*.

p

choke

dampen

105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112

\*Substitute a high pitched ethereal patch on a synthesizer if necessary.

## 115 When Spirits Soar...

Picc. sing (concert pitch)

Fls. 1 2 pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

Ob. pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

Bsn. pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

Cl. 1 2 3 pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

B. Cl. pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

C.B. Cl. pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

A. Sax. 1 2 pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

T. Sax. pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

B. Sax. pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

Tpts. 1 2 3 pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

Hns. 1 2 pp Ah sing (concert pitch)

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Eup.

Tuba

Piano Solo mp w/pedal

Bells Solo w/soft plastic mallets mp

Vibr. play mp

Timp. Crot. Crotales mp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

113 114 115 **p** 116 117 118 F. Cym. 119

123 Decisive ( $\downarrow = 80$ )

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3

Cl.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

1  
2

A. Saxs.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
2  
3

Tpts.

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp.  
Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

120 121 122 123 124 125 126



Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

w/medium hard mallets

f

w/medium hard mallets

f pedal

f

mf

132 133 134 135 136 137

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

140

140

141

142

138

139 *mp*

140 *f*

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Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3

Cls.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

1  
2

A. Saxos

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
2  
3

Tpts.

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp.  
Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

143      *mp* ————— *f*

145

146

147      *mp* —————

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

mp sub. cresc.

1  
2  
3

Cls.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

1  
2

A. Saxes

T. Sax.

mp sub. cresc.

B. Sax.

1  
2  
3

Tpts.

Hns. 1  
2

mp cresc.

1  
2

Tbns.

mp sub. cresc.

mp sub. cresc.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

mp sub. cresc.

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp.  
Crot.

Perc. 1

mp cresc.

Perc. 2

148 f

149

150

151

152

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163 Majestic ( $\text{J} = 96$ )

rit.

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3 Cls.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

1  
2 A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

rit.

163 Majestic ( $\text{J} = 96$ )

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

(8<sup>va</sup>)

Piano

Bells

Vibr.

Timp. Crot.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

159 *ff*

160

161

162

*mp* *ff*

164

*mp*

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molto rit.