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# FJH DEVELOPING BAND

Grade 1.5-2

## SCENES FROM AN OCEAN VOYAGE

- I. INTRODUCTION – INTO THE GREAT BLUE SEA
- II. THE PROWLING SHARK
- III. DOLPHINS AT PLAY
- IV. WHALE SIGHTING

Brian Balmages

### Instrumentation

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Baritone/<br>Euphonium   |
| 8 - Flute                  | 2 - Baritone T.C.  |
| 2 - Oboe                   | 4 - Tuba   |
| 2 - Bassoon                | 1 - Optional Timpani   |
| 5 - B♭ Clarinet 1          | 2 - Bells  |
| 5 - B♭ Clarinet 2          | 3 - Percussion 1<br>Ship Bell<br>Snare Drum<br>Bass Drum<br>Low Tom  |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet       | 4 - Percussion 2<br>Triangle<br>Wind Chimes<br>Suspended Cymbal<br>Crash Cymbals<br>Vibraslap<br>Tam-tam<br>Ocean Drum |
| 4 - E♭ Alto Saxophone      |  |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone     |  |
| 2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone  |  |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 1           |  |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 2           |  |
| 4 - F Horn                 |  |
| 4 - Trombone               |  |

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## The Composer

Brian Balmages (b. 1975) is an active composer, conductor, producer, 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 works for symphonic band, orchestra, and brass have been performed throughout the world, including the College Band Directors National and Regional Conferences, the Midwest Clinic, the International Tuba/Euphonium Conference, the International Trombone Festival, and the International Trumpet Guild Conference. His active schedule of commissions has included groups ranging from elementary schools to professional ensembles, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Miami Symphony Orchestra, the University of Miami Wind Ensemble, Dominion Brass, and others. He has also enjoyed world premieres in prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys engagements with numerous honor bands and orchestras, university groups, and professional ensembles throughout the country. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, College Band Directors Regional Conference, Mid-Atlantic Wind Conductors Conference, the Atlantic Classical Orchestra Brass Ensemble, and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore. He has also served as an adjunct professor of instrumental conducting and acting director of the symphonic band at Towson University in Maryland.

Currently, Mr. Balmages is the Director of Instrumental Publications for The FJH Music Company Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He resides in Baltimore with his wife, Lisa, and their sons, Jacob and Collin.

## About the Music

This programmatic suite took on many forms before settling into its current format. The opening movement, *Introduction—Into the Great Blue Sea* was actually the third of the four movements to be written. It paints a picture of a crew casting off and venturing into the ocean. A ship's bell immediately sets the tone as the music takes on the spirit of adventure and wonder that comes with exploring the amazing waters and their secrets. The music peaks as the ship reaches full speed, ripping into the waves and leaving a magnificent wake behind. The music fades, and the ship's bell becomes softer and softer as the ship fades from sight.

The second movement, *The Prowling Shark*, is the most dissonant and contemporary of the four. It is centered around a 4-note motif that is presented immediately. The sequence of notes is developed both melodically and harmonically as the shark continues its prowl of the open waters.

*Dolphins at Play* portrays everything that most people love about dolphins — their friendly demeanor, playful personalities, and ability to jump out of water. It follows a group of dolphins frolicking in the waters as the ship heads by.

The final movement, *Whale Sighting*, is very grandiose in nature. Beginning very softly, the entire movement is one huge crescendo, as the whale continues to grow larger and larger, slowly reaching the surface of the deep. Eventually the ship is upon it, the crew admiring the magnificent creature as it surges out of the water and lands, creating a tremendous splash and amazing sight. This movement was actually the first written, followed by *Dolphins at Play*. The need for a more formal introduction was then realized, thus the creation of the opening movement.

## SCENES FROM AN OCEAN VOYAGE

## I. Introduction – Into the Great Blue Sea

BRIAN BALMAGES  
(ASCAP)

**Casting off ( $\downarrow = 112$ )**

div.

5

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

B♭ Clarinets 1 2

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpets 1 2

F Horn

Trombone

Baritone/Euphonium

Tuba

Optional Timpani

Bells

Ship Bell  
(B♭, E♭)

Percussion 1  
(Ship Bell, Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Low Tom)

Percussion 2  
(Triangle, Wind Chimes, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Vibraslap, Tam-tam, Ocean Drum)

Wind Chimes

Triangle

Ocean Drum

*p*

*mp*

*p*

*p*

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Bsn.

Cl. 1 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

13

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poco accel.

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19 poco pi mosso

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Cr. Cym.

Perc. 2

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27

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

25      26      *mp*      27      28      29      30      *f*

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

div.

ff

mf

p

Ship Bell

Ship Bell

Tri.

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

O. Dr.

## II. The Prowling Shark

Menacing ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )

Musical score for the first section of "The Prowling Shark". The score consists of ten staves. The instruments are: Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Clarinet 1 (Cl. 1), Clarinet 2 (Cl. 2), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sax.), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.), Bass Saxophone (B. Sax.), Trombones (Tpts. 1 & 2), Horn (Hn.), Trombone (Tbn.), Baritone/Euphonium (Bar./Euph.), Tuba, Optional Timpani (Opt. Timp.), Bells, Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), and Percussion 2 (Perc. 2). The tempo is Menacing ( $\text{♩} = 72$ ). Dynamics include  $mf$  and  $mfp$ . The score features various rhythmic patterns and sustained notes.

Menacing ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )

Musical score for the second section of "The Prowling Shark". The score consists of ten staves. The instruments are: Trombones (Tpts. 1 & 2), Horn (Hn.), Trombone (Tbn.), Baritone/Euphonium (Bar./Euph.), Tuba, Opt. Timpani (Opt. Timp.), Bells, Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), and Percussion 2 (Perc. 2). The tempo is Menacing ( $\text{♩} = 72$ ). Dynamics include  $mf$  and  $mfp$ . The score includes specific performance instructions: "Low Tom" for Percussion 1 at measure 3, "B.D." (Bass Drum) for Percussion 1 at measure 4, and "Vibraslap" for Percussion 2 at measure 5.

10

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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10

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

11

12

Tam. *f*

14

15

Vbslp.

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17

rit.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

16      17      *mf*      19      *mp*      21

## III. Dolphins at Play

Playfully ( $\text{J} = 152+$ )

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

5

*mf*

*f*

*mf marcato*

*mf*

*f*

*mf marcato*

*mf*

*f*

*mf*

*f*

*mf marcato*

Playfully ( $\text{J} = 152+$ )

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./ Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.  
(B $\flat$ , F)

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

5

*mf*

*f*

*mf marcato*

*mf*

*f*

*mf marcato*

*mf*

*f*

*mf marcato*

*mf*

*f*

*mf marcato*

*mf*

*f*

*f*

S.D.

B.D.

*mf*

Tri.

Cr. Cym.

*mf*

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

6

7

8

9

10

13

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

11

12

13

14

15

*mf marcato*

*mf marcato*

*marcato*

*mf marcato*

*marcato*

*mf*

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The instruments listed from top to bottom are Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet 1 & 2, Horn, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Optional Timpani, Bells, Percussion 1, and Percussion 2. Measure 13 begins with a rest followed by a dynamic of *mf*. The Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet 1, Horn, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Bass Clarinet, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, and Optional Timpani play eighth-note patterns. The Bassoon has a dynamic of *mf marcato*. The Clarinet 1 has a dynamic of *mf marcato*. The Bass Clarinet has a dynamic of *marcato*. The Alto Saxophone has a dynamic of *mf marcato*. The Tenor Saxophone has a dynamic of *marcato*. Measure 14 continues with eighth-note patterns. Measure 15 concludes with eighth-note patterns. The Bells play eighth-note patterns in measure 14. The Percussion 1 and Percussion 2 play eighth-note patterns in measure 15.

*Fine*

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

16

17

18

*mf*

20

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16

17

18

*mf*

20

21

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

21

22

23

24

*D.C. al Fine*

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

*D.C. al Fine*

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

## IV. Whale Sighting

Largo ( $\downarrow = 60$ )

3

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

This musical score page contains eight staves of music for woodwind instruments. The first four staves (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2) play sustained notes throughout the measure. The second half of the measure features sustained notes from the B. Clarinet and A. Saxophone, with dynamic markings of *p legato*. The T. Saxophone and B. Saxophone also play sustained notes. Measure 4 begins with a rest followed by sustained notes from the T. Saxophone and B. Saxophone.

Largo ( $\downarrow = 60$ )

3

Tpts. 1 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp. (B $\flat$ , D) *pp*

Bells

S.D. player move to help cover Perc. 2

Perc. 1 *pp*

Perc. 2

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for brass and percussion instruments. The Tpt. 1 & 2, Hn., Tbn., Bar./Euph., and Tuba staves are mostly silent. The Opt. Timpani (B $\flat$ , D) plays eighth-note patterns at *pp* dynamic. The Bells and Perc. 1 staves have eighth-note patterns at *p* dynamic. The Perc. 2 staff has a single eighth-note at *p* dynamic. Measure 4 begins with a rest followed by eighth-note patterns from the Opt. Timpani, Bells, and Perc. 1.

Tam. *p*

3

4

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Tim.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

5

6

7

8

11

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Cl. 1 2 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sax. *mf*

T. Sax. *mf*

B. Sax. *mf*

Tpts. 1 2 *mf*

Hn. *mf*

Tbn. *mf*

Bar./Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Opt. Timpani

Bells *mf*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Tam. *mp*

9 10 11 12

*mp cresc. poco a poco*

*cresc. poco a poco*

*mp cresc. poco a poco*

*cresc. poco a poco*



Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

rit. poco a poco al fine

rit. poco a poco al fine

17 Sus. Cym. *mf* *ff* Tam. *p* *mf* *ff*

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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Opt. Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Ship Bell

Perc. 2

21

mf

ff

23

mf

ff