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The Sacred Pipe

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1	F Horn 1	1
Piccolo	1	F Horn 2	1
Flute 1	5	F Horn 3	1
Flute 2	5	F Horn 4	1
Oboe	2	Trombone 1	2
B♭ Clarinet 1	4	Trombone 2	2
B♭ Clarinet 2	4	Euphonium	2
B♭ Clarinet 3	4	Euphonium T.C.	2
B♭ Bass Clarinet	2	Tuba	4
B♭ Contrabass Clarinet	1	Mallet Percussion 1: Glockenspiel, Chimes, Xylophone	3
Bassoon	2	Mallet Percussion 2: Glockenspiel, Vibraphone, Marimba	3
E♭ Alto Saxophone 1	3	Timpani	1
E♭ Alto Saxophone 2	3	Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum	3
B♭ Tenor Saxophone	2	Percussion 2: Rain Stick, Woodblocks (2), High Bongo, Hi-Hat, Suspended Cymbal	1
E♭ Baritone Saxophone	1	Percussion 3: Mark Tree, Woodblock, High Conga, Tam-Tam, Ride Cymbal, Splash Cymbal	2
B♭ Trumpet 1	3	Percussion 4: Suspended Cymbal, Vibraphlap, Low Tom, Low Conga, China Cymbal	2
B♭ Trumpet 2	3		
B♭ Trumpet 3	3		

PROGRAM NOTE

The Sacred Pipe is inspired by a Native Cherokee Myth that outlines the principles of responsibility and persistence. A thematic interpretation, *The Sacred Pipe* retells through music the journey of Arrow Woman, symbolized by the Piccolo. Arrow Woman is an avid warrior woman and is living against the social norms of her Native Cherokee tribe. Through this musical depiction, Arrow Woman encounters a multitude of events and mythological beings which tests her abilities both physically and morally. She triumphs and lives on as bearer of *The Sacred Pipe*, an honored and ceremonial position for her tribe and all nations.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

The thematic material that begins the piece symbolizes the aura of Arrow Woman, attempting to encompass harmonic contour present in Native Cherokee music. Arrow Woman finds herself in a chase for her life, becoming disoriented along the way. Suddenly, Arrow Woman develops strategy to find her way through the chase, using intuition and determination. Before her, a reservoir opens through the wood and she rests.

Other mythological characters are presented to guide and present her with the sacred pipe, a powerful tool that was used by The Creator that once “made all living and non-living.” *The Sacred Pipe* hopes to convey a musical journey that engulfs the grandiosity of the land, the majesty of mountains, and purity of water.

I encourage you to share the following paragraphs and include them in your program notes if possible.



ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Kyle Green (b. 1996) has been an avid musician since beginning band in junior high school. Kyle began playing the trumpet in his middle school band and instantly found a desire to continue to learn anything and everything related to music. He spent countless hours studying scores while in middle school and eventually wrote his first note during his seventh-grade year. Through high school, Kyle picked up the clarinet and began to perform in community ensembles in his area. As he progressed through high school, his compositional work began to mature and was premiered by various university level and community level ensembles. During Kyle's senior year of high school, he attended Woodland High School, Cartersville, GA; under the direction of Eric Willoughby. Kyle attended Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, where he obtained a B.A. in Music Theory. While in college, Kyle's works have been premiered by the Kennesaw State University Wind Ensemble, other instrumental ensembles at Kennesaw State University, as well as The Dallas Wind Symphony. Mr. Green has been awarded the winner of the 2015 Dallas Wind Symphony Call for Fanfares, and the 2016 Kennesaw State University Composition Contest. In 2017, Kyle became part of the RWS Music Publishing Company family, where many of his works are now published. Since, Kyle has graduated from Kennesaw State University in 2018 and has begun his journey through a Master of Clinical Social Work program at Kennesaw State University to obtain licensure as a psychotherapist. Kyle has commissioned numerous works, including a premiere by the Woodland High School Wind Symphony at the 2016 GMEA In-Service Conference. He has expanded his composition skills to the marching band setting, as well. Kyle's marching band programs have been performed by the Woodland High School Marching Band, as well as the Carrollton High School Marching Band.

THE MYTH OF THE SACRED PIPE

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THE SACRED PIPE

Conductor Score
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Shimmering, Rubato ♩ = 110

Piccolo

Flutes 1-2

Oboe

B- Clarinet 1

B- Clarinet 2

B- Clarinet 3

B- Bass Clarinet

B- Contrabass Clarinet

Bassoon

E- Alto Saxophones 1-2

B- Tenor Saxophone

E- Baritone Saxophone

B- Trumpet 1

B- Trumpet 2

B- Trumpet 3

F Horns 1-2

F Horns 3-4

Trombones 1-2

Euphonium

Tuba

Glockenspiel
Acrylic Mallets

Vibraphone
Soft Mallets

Timpani
F, B, D, E

Mallet Percussion 1
Glockenspiel, Chimes
Xylophone

Mallet Percussion 2
Glockenspiel
Vibraphone
Marimba

Percussion 1
Snare Drum
Bass Drum

Percussion 2
Rain Stick, Woodblocks (2)
High Conga, Hi-Hat
Suspended Cymbal

Percussion 3
Mark Tree, Woodblock
High Conga, Tam-Tam
Ride Cymbal, Splash Cymbal

Percussion 4
Suspended Cymbal
Vibraslap, Low Tom
Low Conga, China Cymbal

Shimmering, Rubato ♩ = 110

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16 Distantly ♩ = 50 rit.

Measure 9: *mf*

Measure 10: *pp* — *f*

Measure 11: *pp* — *f*

Measure 12: *pp* — *mf*

Measure 13: *f*

Measure 14: *pp* — *mf*

Measure 15: *pp* — *mf*

Measure 16: *rit.*

Measure 17: *rit.*

19 *a tempo*

Picc. bend pitch down solo

Fls. 1-2 Picc. solo bend pitch down p

Ob.

Cl. 1 n. pp

Cl. 2 n. pp

Cl. 3 n. pp

Bs. Cl. pp Tutti

Cb. Cl. pp

Bsn. pp Tutti pp

A. Sxs. 1-2 n. pp

T. Sax n. pp

B. Sax pp

19 *a tempo*

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3 pp

F Hns. 1-2 Tutti pp

F Hns. 3-4 pp n. pp open

Tbns. 1-2 pp

Euph. pp

Tuba pp Tutti pp

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp. n. pp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Sus. Cym. n. pp

Perc. 3 n. pp

Perc. 4 l.v. lightly 3 Low Tom 20 p 21 22 23

31 Allegro rapido ♩ = 155

A musical score page for orchestra and percussion. The top half shows staves for Picc., Fls. 1-2, Ob., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, Bs. Cl., Cb. Cl., Bsn., A. Sxs. 1-2, T. Sax, B. Sax, Trpt. 1, Trpt. 2, Trpt. 3, F Hns. 1-2, F Hns. 3-4, Tbns. 1-2, Euph., Tuba, Mlt. 1, Mlt. 2, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The bottom half shows staves for S.D. (snare off), Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The score includes dynamic markings like ff, f, and sforzando, and performance instructions like "Rip!". A large red watermark "Preview Use Requires Purchase Only" is diagonally across the page.

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Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Marimba

Medium Hard Mallets

Tam-tam

pp

ff l.v.

ff l.v.

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

41

42

43

44

45

pp

ff

l.v.

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

51

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

51

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

51

52

53

54

55

ff *L.v.*

- 11 -

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

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63 Massive!

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

70 Subito, Disoriented

 $\text{d} = 50$

accel.

Determined, l'istesso tempo

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

This section of the musical score covers measures 68 through 73. It includes parts for Picc., Fls. 1-2, Ob., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, Bs. Cl., Cb. Cl., Bsn., A. Sxs. 1-2, T. Sax, and B. Sax. The instrumentation consists primarily of woodwinds and brass. Dynamics range from *p* to *ff*. Performance instructions include *accel.* (accelerando) and specific dynamic markings like *ff*, *mp*, and *n.* Measure 70 starts with a dynamic of *ff* followed by *ff* and *mp*.

70 Subito, Disoriented

 $\text{d} = 50$
accel.

Determined, l'istesso tempo

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

This section of the musical score covers measures 68 through 73. It includes parts for Trpt. 1, Trpt. 2, Trpt. 3, F Hns. 1-2, F Hns. 3-4, Tbns. 1-2, Euph., Tuba, Mlt. 1, Mlt. 2, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The instrumentation shifts to brass and percussion. Dynamics include *ff*, *p*, *pp*, *mf*, and *n.* Special instructions like "To Xyl." and "Vibraphone Medium Hard Mallets" are present. Measure 70 starts with *ff* and includes performance notes such as "harmon mute" and "(F-G, G-Ab, Bb, D-C)". Measures 71 and 72 feature woodblocks and ride cymbals.

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

74

75

76

77

78

79

mp

mf

Hi-hat (= closed, o=open)

Splash cym.

Vibraslap

China cym.

- 15 -

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

rit.

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80

81 *mp*

82

83

84

85 *mf*

86

molto rit.

90

Slowing $\text{♩} = 50$ *rit.**Solo**Tutti**Solo**Tutti**p**One Player*

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

88

89

90

91

92

93

n.

mp

l.v.

pp

pp

mp

pp

pp

Noble and Wise $\text{♩} = 110$

Picc.
Fls. 1-2
Ob.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3
Bs. Cl.
Cb. Cl.
Bsn.
A. Sxs. 1-2
T. Sax
B. Sax

poco rit.

Noble and Wise $\text{♩} = 110$

Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
Trpt. 3
F Hns. 1-2
F Hns. 3-4
Tbns. 1-2
Euph.
Tuba
Mlt. 1
Mlt. 2
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

103 Shimmering, Rubato; l'istesso tempo

rit.

This musical score page shows measures 101 through 103. The instrumentation includes Picc., Fls. 1-2, Ob., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, Bs. Cl., Cb. Cl., Bsn., A. Sxs. 1-2, T. Sax, B. Sax, Trpt. 1, Trpt. 2, Trpt. 3, F Hns. 1-2, F Hns. 3-4, Tbns. 1-2, Euph., Tuba, Mlt. 1, Mlt. 2, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The music consists of woodwind and brass parts, with dynamic markings such as *pp* and *p*. Measure 101 starts with a rest followed by sustained notes. Measures 102 and 103 feature rhythmic patterns with grace notes and slurs. The score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat.

103 Shimmering, Rubato; l'istesso tempo

rit.

This musical score page shows measures 104 through 108. The instrumentation includes Trpt. 1, Trpt. 2, Trpt. 3, F Hns. 1-2, F Hns. 3-4, Tbns. 1-2, Euph., Tuba, Mlt. 1, Mlt. 2, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The music features sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. Measures 104 and 105 show sustained notes with grace notes. Measures 106 and 107 feature eighth-note patterns. Measure 108 concludes with sustained notes. The score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat.

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

109

110

111

112

113

114

115

116

pp — *p*

mf

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117

rit.

a tempo

Picc. *mp*

Fls. 1-2 *div.* *mp* *f* *pp*

Ob. *mp* *f* *pp*

Cl. 1 *mp* *f* *pp*

Cl. 2 *mp* *f* *pp*

Cl. 3 *mp* *f* *pp*

Bs. Cl. *mp* *f* *pp*

Cb. Cl. *mp* *f* *pp*

Bsn. *mp* *f* *pp*

A. Sxs. 1-2 *mp* *f* *pp*

T. Sax *mp* *f* *pp*

B. Sax *mp* *f* *pp*

117 *rit.* *f* *pp* *a tempo*

Trpt. 1 *mp* *f* *pp*

Trpt. 2 *mp* *f* *pp*

Trpt. 3 *mp* *f* *pp*

F Hns. 1-2 *mp* *f* *pp*

F Hns. 3-4 *mp* *f* *pp*

Tbns. 1-2 *mp* *f* *pp*

Euph. *mp* *f* *pp* Solo

Tuba *mp* *f* *pp*

Mlt. 1 *mp* *f* *pp* To Chimes

Mlt. 2 *mp* *f* *pp* (F-Eb, Bb-F, Db-Ab, Eb-Bb)

Timp. *pp* *f* *mf* *f* *pp*

Perc. 1 *l.v.* *pp* *f* *mf* *pp* *mf*

Perc. 2 *pp* *f* *mf* *pp* *mf*

Perc. 3 *pp* *f* *mf* *pp* *mf*

Perc. 4 *l.v.* *pp* *f* *mf* *pp* *mf*

126 Reflective $\text{♩} = 80$

Musical score for measures 126-132, section Reflective. The score includes parts for Picc., Fls. 1-2, Ob., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, Bs. Cl., Cb. Cl., Bsn., A. Sxs. 1-2, T. Sax, B. Sax, and Trpt. 1. The instrumentation consists primarily of woodwind and brass instruments. Dynamics include *pp*, *mf*, and *rit.*. Measure 126 starts with a rest followed by sustained notes from various instruments. Measures 127-132 show more rhythmic activity, with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. The score is annotated with a large red diagonal watermark reading "Review Only Purchase Requires Legal Use".

126 *pp* Reflective $\text{♩} = 80$

Musical score for measures 126-132, section Reflective, continuing from the previous page. The score includes parts for Trpt. 2, Trpt. 3, F Hns. 1-2, F Hns. 3-4, Tbns. 1-2, Euph., Tuba, Mlt. 1, Mlt. 2, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The instrumentation includes brass and percussion. Dynamics include *pp*, *mf*, and *rit.*. Measure 126 starts with a rest followed by sustained notes. Measures 127-132 show more rhythmic activity, with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. The score is annotated with a large red diagonal watermark reading "Review Only Purchase Requires Legal Use".

135 Majestic ♩ = 80

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs., Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

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Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Glockenspiel

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

139

140

141

142

pp

ff

l.v.

n

ff

l.v.

n

ff

l.v.

n

ff

Picc.

Fls. 1-2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sxs. 1-2

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F Hns. 1-2

F Hns. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 1

Mlt. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

molto rit.

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143

144

145

n.

146

f

147

n.

Maestoso $\text{♩} = 95$

Picc.
Fls. 1-2
Ob.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3
Bs. Cl.
Cb. Cl.
Bsn.
A. Sxs. 1-2
T. Sax
B. Sax

The musical score page features a grid of staves for various instruments. The top section includes Picc., Fls. 1-2, Ob., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, Bs. Cl., Cb. Cl., and Bsn. The bottom section includes A. Sxs. 1-2, T. Sax, and B. Sax. The music consists of six measures of eighth-note patterns. Measure 1: Picc. holds, Fls. play eighth-note pairs, Ob. plays eighth-note pairs. Measures 2-6: All woodwinds play eighth-note pairs. Measures 7-12: All woodwinds play eighth-note pairs. Measures 13-18: All woodwinds play eighth-note pairs. Measures 19-24: All woodwinds play eighth-note pairs. Measures 25-30: All woodwinds play eighth-note pairs. Measures 31-36: All woodwinds play eighth-note pairs. Measures 37-42: All woodwinds play eighth-note pairs. Measures 43-48: All woodwinds play eighth-note pairs.

Maestoso $\text{♩} = 95$

Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
Trpt. 3
F Hns. 1-2
F Hns. 3-4
Tbns. 1-2
Euph.
Tuba
Mlt. 1
Mlt. 2
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

The musical score page features a grid of staves for various instruments. The top section includes Trpt. 1, Trpt. 2, Trpt. 3, F Hns. 1-2, F Hns. 3-4, Tbns. 1-2, Euph., Tuba, Mlt. 1, Mlt. 2, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The bottom section includes Trpt. 1, Trpt. 2, Trpt. 3, F Hns. 1-2, F Hns. 3-4, Tbns. 1-2, Euph., Tuba, Mlt. 1, Mlt. 2, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The music consists of six measures of eighth-note patterns. Measure 1: Trpt. 1 holds, Trpt. 2 holds, Trpt. 3 holds, F Hns. 1-2 play eighth-note pairs, F Hns. 3-4 play eighth-note pairs. Measures 2-6: All brass play eighth-note pairs. Measures 7-12: All brass play eighth-note pairs. Measures 13-18: All brass play eighth-note pairs. Measures 19-24: All brass play eighth-note pairs. Measures 25-30: All brass play eighth-note pairs. Measures 31-36: All brass play eighth-note pairs. Measures 37-42: All brass play eighth-note pairs. Measures 43-48: All brass play eighth-note pairs.

THE MYTH OF THE SACRED PIPE

It is not important how the pipe first arrived or who it came to first as all nations see themselves as the first to have this gift from creator. What is important is that the pipe is revered as a sacred item and came from The Creator. Most important is the message that the pipe was brought to all nations for we all must share this world.

Long ago, but not long after the world was new, a tribe of red skinned people came to live on the lands which are around the Blue Smoke Mountains. At this time, the animals of the world still talked to men and taught them how to live on and care for the land. These people were called "Ani Yun Wiya " or the One True People.

In this tribe lived a brave warrior woman. She was called Arrow Woman. Arrow Woman was taught to use the bow, spear and knife. Even though it was a man's job to hunt and fight, Arrow Woman could shoot straighter with the bow than any man. She could throw the knife and split a branch no bigger than your thumb. She could throw the spear into eye of a hawk in flight. Because of her incredible skill, no man would tell her to be like a woman.

As the legend has been passed down through generations, Arrow Woman was hunting and became disoriented and determined. Arrow Woman came upon the tracks of Yona the Bear. She saw blood on the ground and knew him to be wounded so she followed his tracks. High into the mountains she tracked the mighty bear. Soon she came to a place that she did not know. It was in this place known only to the animals that she finally saw Yona the Bear. He had a deep cut in his side, and she saw him bowing down in prayer. He was bowing toward a large field of tall grass and speaking words that she had not heard before. Suddenly, the grass shimmered and became a lake. Arrow Woman saw Yona dive into the water. After a time, he emerged from the water, his side was completely healed. Yona then saw Arrow Woman and walked to her. Yona stated, "This is the sacred lake of the animals. It is called, Atagahi and its location is known only to the animals. It is where we come for healing and strength. You are the first man creature to see the sacred lake. You must never tell your kind of its location for it is the home of the Great Uktena." With these words Yona the Bear turned, walked into the woods and disappeared.

Arrow Woman was tired after following Yona all day. She decided to rest by a lake. She built a small fire and sat down to eat a meal that she had brought with her. She took a drink of the water from the lake and felt instantly refreshed. She was amazed, she felt strong as Yan'si the Buffalo. She felt as if she run faster than Coga the Raven could fly.

The forest was quiet. Unole the Wind was sleeping. Nyda the Sun was shining bright but was not hot. The surface of the lake was completely calm. Arrow Woman began to get sleepy.

It was at this time that she saw the Great Uktena. She had been told of him when she was a child but no one in her tribe ever claimed to have seen him. High above the water he raised his great serpent's head, the jewel in his forehead glistening. He began to move toward her. Arrow Woman grabbed her spear and stood up to face the great creature coming to her. She stood proudly, showing no fear, the way a true warrior should stand. She raised her spear and prepared to strike the huge beast.

Uktena stopped a short distance from her. He smiled, his mouth was larger than a man was tall and full of teeth longer than man's forearm. He spoke to the brave woman on the bank of his lake. To her he said, "Put down your weapons for I mean you no harm. I come only to teach." Arrow Woman laid down her spear and began to relax, somehow knowing Uktena spoke truly.

Uktena told her to sit and to listen. Uktena dipped his head below the surface and came back up a moment later. In his mouth he had a strangely crooked stick and a leather pouch. These things he laid on the ground in front of Arrow Woman. Then the Great Uktena began to teach. He said, "This that I have laid before you is the Sacred Pipe of The Creator. Pick up the Sacred Pipe. The bowl is of the same red clay The Creator used to make your kind. The red clay is womankind and is from the Earth. Just as a woman bears the children and brings forth life, the bowl bears the sacred tobacco (tsula) and brings forth smoke. The stem is mankind. Rigid and strong the stem is from the plant kingdom and, like a man, it supports the bowl just as man supports his family."

The Great Uktena then showed Arrow Woman how to join the bowl to the stem saying, "Just as a man and a woman remain separate until joined in marriage, so too are the bowl and stem separate. Never to be joined unless the pipe is used." Uktena then showed her how to place the sacred tsula into the pipe and, with an ember from the fire, lit the tsula so it burned slightly. He said, "The smoke is the breath of The Creator. When you draw the smoke into your body, you will be cleansed and made whole. When the smoke leaves your mouth, it will rise to The Creator. Your prayers, your dreams, your hopes and desires will be taken to Him in the smoke. Also, the truth in your soul will be shown to Him when you smoke the pipe. If you are not true, do not smoke the pipe. If your spirit is bad and you seek to deceive, do not smoke the pipe."

Uktena continued his lesson well into the night teaching Arrow Woman all of the prayers used with the Sacred Pipe. He finished just as the moon was beginning her nightly journey across the sky in search of her true love. He told Arrow Woman to wrap the pipe in cloth, keeping the parts separate. He said, "You will never again find this place but remember what you have learned."

Uktena then returned to depths of the lake. Arrow Woman saw the water shimmer and become again the field of grass. She left, taking with her the pipe, her lessons and a wondrous tale. Ever since that time, The Ani Yun Wiya have used the sacred pipe and never again has any man seen the sacred lake of the Great Uktena.

The pipe is not a symbol of things that are sacred. The pipe itself is sacred. Not everyone is called upon to be a pipe bearer. The person who carries the pipe and practices the pipe ceremonies and traditions has a great responsibility to all brothers and sisters, the land, country and to Earth Mother.