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Grade: 1

Conductor Score: RWS-2674-01

A Ship in a Bottle

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score.....	1
Violin 1.....	8
Violin 2 (Viola T.C.).....	8
Viola.....	6
Cello.....	5
Double Bass.....	5
Piano (Optional).....	1

PROGRAM NOTE

Inside a peculiar bottle, a miniature ship sails on motionless waves forever, its sails frozen in a gentle breeze. The delicate rigging reflects the dim lighting, and the ship's hull looks wet and worn with a brownish-red hue. You can almost smell the ocean and hear the creaking of the wooden planks as you stare at this tiny frozen world trapped behind the glass. Let our music be your soundtrack as you climb aboard and sail away with *A Ship in a Bottle*.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

Check the tempo and keep the pulse consistent and even and make sure to exaggerate the articulations and dynamics. The bassline's drive and energy depend heavily on the staccato, which should be played with a good bit of separation.

The song should be performed with an aggressive approach, except for the pizzicato section beginning at measure 39. It should be performed very lightly and with a relaxed style to contrast the rest of the piece.

I wish your young musicians much fun and growth as they rehearse and perform this piece. Please visit my composer page at rwsmusic.com to connect!

Brian Bankston

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Brian Bankston – composer, arranger, educator, saxophonist and guitarist – resides in Alabama. The music of Brian Bankston draws from a large bag of rhythm, bass, harmony and melody that offers a variety of style and mood giving his compositions a unique signature. His compositions are designed to focus on the needs of young Concert Bands, String Orchestras and Jazz Ensembles but acceptable for any level. He creates beautiful and exciting music within the grasp of any eager beginning ensemble as well as music that will challenge a mature ensemble. His experience teaching music at all levels has given him the insight to invent fun, creative and playable works that present the fundamentals of music to students of all ages.

A SHIP IN A BOTTLE

Conductor Score

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(ASCAP)

Heroic ♩ = 138

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Violin 1

Violin 2
(Viola T.C.)

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Piano
(Optional)

Vln. 1

Vln. 2
(Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

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A SHIP IN A BOTTLE

11

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

mf

mf

mf

mf

11 12 13 14 15



19

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

mf

16 17 18 19 20

A SHIP IN A BOTTLE

Vln. 1

Vln. 2
(Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

21 22 23 24 25

Vln. 1

Vln. 2
(Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

26 27 28 29 30

A SHIP IN A BOTTLE

Vln. 1
Vln. 2 (Vcl. T.C.)
Vla.
Vcl.
D.B.
Pno.

31 32 33 34 35

39

Vln. 1
Vln. 2 (Vcl. T.C.)
Vla.
Vcl.
D.B.
Pno.

36 37 38 39 40

A SHIP IN A BOTTLE

Vln. 1

Vln. 2
(Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

41 42 43 44 45 46

47

Vln. 1

Vln. 2
(Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

47 48 49 50 51 52

A SHIP IN A BOTTLE

55

arco

mf

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

53 54 55 56 57 58

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vcl. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

59 60 61 62 63 64