young **symphonic** band series

With Thine Eyes

Traditional

Arranged by Rob McWilliams

This delightful arrangement of the popular old English song, "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes," provides younger symphonic bands with an opportunity to play lyrically while still sounding rich and mature. Extensive cross-cuing enables even bands with limitations in lower brass to produce a full and satisfying sound. Optional solos feature individual players on oboe (cued in alto sax) and euphonium (cued in horn and tenor sax). Multiple mallet parts are easily playable by percussionists with less experience on keyboard instruments. Plenty of variety in scoring and some jazzier harmonic twists make this piece perfect as a lovely change of pace for your next concert!

INSTRUMENTATION

1 — Conductor Score

10 — Flute

2 — Oboe1

2 Bassoon

— 1st B♭ Clarine

6 — 2nd B♭ Clarinet

2 — Bb Bass Clarinet

2 — 1st El Alto Saxophone

2 — 2nd By Alto Saxophone

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1 Baritone Saxophone

4 - 1st Bb Trumpet

4 — 2nd B♭ Trumpet

2 — F Horn

3 — 1st Trombone

3 — 2nd Trombone

2 — Euphonium

1 — Euphonium T.C.

4 — Tuba

Percussion – 5 players:

1 — Bells

1 — Chimes

1 — Vibraphone

3 — Percussion (Suspended Cymbal/Triangle/

Bass Drum)

1 — Timpani

WORLD PARTS

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E Alto Clarinet

E Contra Alto Clarinet

Bb Contra Bass Clarinet

E♭ Horn

1st Trombone in B♭ T.C.

2nd Trombone in Bb T.C.

1st Trombone in B♭ B.C.

2nd Trombone in Bb B.C.

Euphonium in Bb B.C.

Tuba in B♭ T.C.

Tuba in B♭ B.C.

Tuba in E♭ T.C.

Tuba in Eb B.C.

String Bass



The original text of the song (attributed to Ben Jonson circa. early 1600s) is as follows:

Drink to me only with thine eyes,
And I will pledge with mine;
Or leave a kiss within the cup,
And I'll not ask for wine.
The thirst that from the soul doth rise
Doth ask a drink divine;
But might I of Jove's nectar sip,
I would not change for thine.

I sent thee late a rosy wreath,
Not so much honouring thee,
As giving it a hope that there
It could not withered be;
But thou thereon didstronly breathe,
And sent'st it back to me;
Since when it grows, and smells, I swear,
Not of itself, but thee!

Notes to the Conductor

The entire piece should be played in a very legate and lyrical fashion. Even the accents in measures 64 through 67 are more for emphasis and strength rather than an exaggerated, hard-edged tongue articulation. All phrase endings should be released in a delicate and "resonant" manner (no abrupt releases here!). This includes those phrase endings followed by an eighth rest across the ensemble. Extensive cross-cuing (low brass and double reeds) is provided to enable bands with incomplete instrumentation to realize the work effectively. Bands with more complete instrumentation will obtain additional color and variety by using cued parts only as absolutely necessary. Utilizing optional one player" sections will add further interest and variety. The opening phrases end in denser, cluster like sonorities—balance these carefully for best effect. Be sure that the mallet percussion parts are "in the mix" in measures 56 through 71 and that the peak moment at measure 68 is carefully balanced. The vibraphone part can be played on a second glockenspiel if a vibraphone is unavailable. Providing the players with the original song text and exploring sung performances can also help in establishing the right stylistic approach

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