# I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart

Words and Music by DUKE ELLINGTON, IRVING MILLS, HENRY NEMO and JOHN REDMOND

Arranged by BILL CUNLIFFE

## **INSTRUMENTATION**

Conductor

1st T

1st El Alto Saxophone

2nd El Alto Saxophone

1st Bl Tenor Saxophone

2nd Bl Tenor Saxophone

Guita

1st Bl Trumpet (Plunger)

2nd Bl Trumpet (Plunger)

3rd Bl Trumpet (Plunger)

3rd Bl Trumpet (Plunger)

4th Bl Trumpet (Plunger)

1st Trombone
2nd Trombone
3rd Trombone
Bass Trombone
Guitar Chords
Guitar
Piano
Bass
Drums

## **Optional/Alternate Parts**

C Flute Vibraphone

Tuba (Doubles Bass)

Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)

1st Baritone Horn T.C./B Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)
2nd Baritone Horn T.C./B Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone)
3rd Baritone Horn T.C./B Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 3rd Trombone)





#### NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Before playing this chart, please have your students listen to the original Duke recording several times:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTQHsO6N7NU

This chart is not a copy or replication of the original, but it has the same tempo and many of the same key musical elements—careful listening will pay off. In particular, brass players should listen to and emulate the plunger-mute techniques.

Drummer Sonny Greer uses brushes throughout the original recording. Your drummer doesn't have to play it that way, but brushes might be nice during some of the softer passages.

All soloists should study the artistry of Duke's band members. For example, listen to solos by alto saxophone player Johnny Hodges and baritone saxophonist Harry Carney for melodic ideas. Guitarist Fred Guy emulates the great Freddie Green's comping and solos with Basie—check out how to mimic and learn from the masters. The student could also take a more modern approach, i.e. playing rhythms with a more electric sound à la Kenny Burrell or Wes Montgomery, but should always blend with the rhythm section and take caution with volume. In any case, the written notes can be played, or the student can comp using the chord changes and rhythms provided. The planist can add fills at lib, basically looking for places where the horns don't play to insert little phrases. Or, just play what's written and perhaps vary from the written part a little as desired.

It's also good to listen to any of Count Basie's band recordings for models on how to play the ensemble parts after the solos. The Clayton Hamilton Jazz Orchestra is also a good reference—a little more fiery and contemporary, but equally soulful.

You can also check out the demo recording of this chart at alfred.com/downloads.

Please enjoy!

-Bill Cunliffe





# Bill Cunliffe

Jazz pianist, composer, and Grammy Award-winning arranger Bill Cunliffe is known for his innovative and swinging recordings and compositions. Bill began his career as pianist and arranger with the Buddy Rich Big Band and worked with Frank Sinatra, Joe Henderson, Freddie Hubbard, Benny Golson and James Moody. He has since established himself as a solo artist and bandleader, with more than a dozen albums under his name.

Bill grew up in Andover, Mass. He studied jazz at Duke University with pianist Mary Lou Williams and received his master's degree from the Eastman School of Music. He was the 1989 winner of the Thelonious Monk International Piano Competition.

The Los Angeles Jazz Society honored Bill in 2010 with its Composer/Arranger Award. That year he was also named a Distinguished Faculty Member of the College of the Arts at Cal State Fullerton, where he is a jazz studies professor. He also teaches at the Skidmore Jazz Institute and the Vail Jazz Workshop.

Bill currently plays with his trio; his big band; his Latin band, Imaginación; and his classical-jazz ensemble, Trimotif. He performs in the U.S. and around the world as a leader and sideman as well as a soloist with symphony orchestras.

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