

For my parents, Jimmy and Vivian Roszell, for the music and the holidays

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Chorale and March)

TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY

Arranged by PATRICK ROSZELL (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 6 E Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 8 Bb Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B¹ Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: B¹, E¹)
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion 2 (Wind Chimes/Suspended Cymbal/Triangle)

WORLD PARTS

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Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in B_b Bass Clef

Tuba in Eb Bass Clef

Tuba in E₁ Treble Clef

Tuba in B Bass Clef

Tuba in B_b Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Phillips Brooks, an Episcopalian priest and Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Philadelphia, PA wrote the text of *O Little Town of Bethlehem* after a visit to Bethlehem in 1865. The music was added three years later by the church organist, Lewis Redner.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

The opening chorale should be as lush and legato as possible. Be sure to have the players notice the passing tones (for example, trombones in measures 7 and 8) so as not to think they are playing wrong notes.

At the faster section at measure 19, do not take the tempo faster than the players' technique will allow. Also, the snare player(s) should be light and crisp to not overpower the ensemble.

At measure 33, pay particular attention to the ritard that returns back to Tempo I in measure 34 ending with the lush chorale.

As always, feel free to adjust tempo and dynamics to suit your ensemble and performance venue.

Best wishes for an uplifting performance!







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