The Night Before Christmas

By Randol Alan Bass
Poem by Clement Clarke Moore

This magical piece is the quintessential setting for the Christmas holiday's most treasured poem. A tour de force for the concert band, this original score includes numerous soloists and sparkling orchestration while musically staging the poem from beginning to end. The narrator's words fit seamlessly into this remarkable composition, making it certain to become a perennial audience and ensemble favorite!

Instrumentation

1 — Conductor Score
1 — Piccolo
5 — 1st Flute
5 — 2nd Flute
1 — 1st Oboe
1 — 2nd Oboe
1 — English Horn
1 — 1st Bassoon
1 — 2nd Bassoon
4 — 1st Bb Clarinet
4 — 2nd Bb Clarinet
4 — 3rd Bb Clarinet
1 — Eb Alto Clarinet
2 — Bb Bass Clarinet
1 — Eb Contrabass Clarinet
2 — 1st Eb Alto Saxophone
2 — 2nd Eb Alto Saxophone
2 — Bb Tenor Saxophone
1 — Eb Baritone Saxophone
3 — 1st Bb Trumpet
3 — 2nd Bb Trumpet
3 — 3rd Bb Trumpet
1 — 1st F Horn
1 — 2nd F Horn
1 — 3rd F Horn
1 — 4th F Horn
2 — 1st Trombone
2 — 2nd Trombone
2 — 3rd Trombone
2 — Euphonium T.C.
2 — Euphonium B.C.
4 — Tuba
1 — Harp
1 — Narrator
Percussion — 5 players:
5 — Percussion 1
(Bells/Gong/Chimes/
Xylophone/Crotales/
Tambourine/Vibraphone)
3 — Percussion 2
(Chimes/Large Triangle/Wind
Chimes/Snare Drum)
5 — Percussion 3
(Vibraphone/Large Crash
Cymbals/Small Suspended
Cymbal/Marimba/Finger
Cymbals/Large Bass Drum/
Snare Drum)
4 — Percussion 4
(Large Suspended Cymbal/
Snare Drum/Claves/Finger
Cymbals/Large Bass Drum/
Sleigh Bells)
1 — Timpani

World Parts
available for download from
www.alfred.com/worldparts
1st Eb Horn
2nd Eb Horn
3rd Eb Horn
4th Eb Horn
1st Trombone in B♭ T.C.
2nd Trombone in B♭ T.C.
3rd Trombone in B♭ T.C.
1st Trombone in B♭ B.C.
2nd Trombone in B♭ B.C.
3rd Trombone in B♭ B.C.
Euphonium in B♭ B.C.
Tuba in B♭ T.C.
Tuba in B♭ B.C.
Tuba in Eb T.C.
Tuba in Eb B.C.

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poco rit.  A little slower $q = 80$
dragged

30 Slowly, with a pulse $\mathbf{72}$

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Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse, the...

Harp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Timp.
When out on the town there arose such a clatter,  
Opening time implied to see what was the matter.  
Away from the window I flew like a flash.  
Here open the shutter and threw up the sash.

26830
54 Gently moving \( \dot{q} = 120 \)

Picc.

Fls.

Obs.

K.H.

Bsn.

Clh.

A. Cl.

B. Cl.

Cbs Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbbs.

Kuph.

Tuba

Narrator

Harp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Timp.
As I drew my head and turning around, down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He spoke and moved but went straight to his work, and filled all the stockings, and then turned with a jerk.
and laying a finger on the bear's nose, and giving a nod up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle.
and sweep along how like the down of a thistle.
Brilliantly, with vigor  = 144