

Full Score

Gwyneth Walker

*Let There Be Music!*

*for Orchestra*

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a festive overture

in celebration of Maestro David Kidwell's 25th season  
as Music Director of the Holyoke Civic Symphony (1997-2022)

*duration: 3 minutes and 40 seconds*

## *Notes*

During the pandemic years of 2020-2021, the Holyoke (MA) Civic Symphony, like many other orchestras, remained silent. Their performance venue at Holyoke Community College was closed. Group gatherings were avoided.

Yet the orchestra, under the leadership of their Music Director, David Kidwell, managed to keep their shared love of music alive. Online discussions, player profiles and chamber music videos were among the ways that group interaction was maintained.

Finally, during the Fall of 2021, it was possible to bring the orchestra back to their auditorium. Even though this first concert featured only chamber ensembles, the audience was thrilled to experience live music once again. When the players first walked onto the stage, they were greeted with a standing ovation.

This overture was inspired by this memorable concert. **Let there be music!**

## *The Composer*

Widely performed throughout the country, the music of American composer **Gwyneth Walker** is beloved by performers and audiences alike for its energy, beauty, reverence, drama, and humor. Dr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) is a graduate of Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She holds B.A., M.M. and D.M.A. degrees in Music Composition. A former faculty member of the Oberlin College Conservatory, she resigned from academic employment in 1982 in order to pursue a career as a full-time composer. For nearly 30 years, she lived on a dairy farm in Braintree, Vermont before returning to live in her childhood hometown of New Canaan, Connecticut.

Further information concerning Gwyneth Walker and her works is available at:

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*a festive overture*

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At a stately tempo (♩ = 132)

The score is arranged in systems. The first system includes Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboes (1 and 2), B♭ Clarinets (1 and 2), Bassoons (1 and 2), Horns in F (1, 2, 3, 4), Trumpets in C\* (1 and 2), Trombones (1 and 2), and Trombone 3/Tuba. The second system includes Percussion (Timpani, Bongo, Triangle, Maracas, Tambourine, Low Tom-Tom, Glockenspiel, Suspended Cymbal, Slapstick, Ratchet, Crash Cymbals) and strings (Violins 1 and 2, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass). The woodwinds and strings play sustained chords. The trumpets and trombones play a melodic line starting in the second measure, marked *f* triumphantly, with strength. The percussion provides a rhythmic accompaniment with dynamic markings *p*, *mp*, and *p*. The strings play a similar accompaniment with dynamic markings *p*, *mp*, and *p*. The violins have a *div.* marking in the fifth measure.

\*Parts for B♭ Trumpet are also available.

8 A

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2

Tbn. 3 Tuba

(Timp.)

Perc.

Vlins. 1 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*unis.*

14 *accel., gathering energy*

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2

Tbn. 3 Tuba

Perc.

*accel., gathering energy*  
*div.*

Vlins. 1 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

21  $\text{♩} = 96$  B

Picc. *f*

Fls. 1 *a2*  
2 *f*

Obs. 1 *a2*  
2 *f*

Cls. 1 *a2*  
2 *f*

Bsns. 1 *f*  
2 *f*

Hns. 1 *f*  
2 *f*  
3 *f*  
4 *f*

Tpts. 1 *f*  
2 *a2*  
3 *f*

Tbns. 1 *f*  
2 *f*

Tbn. 3 *f*  
Tuba *f*

(Timp.) *f*

Perc. *f*  
Bongo (hands) *f*

$\text{♩} = 96$  B *unis.*

Vlns. 1 *f*  
2 *f*

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f* *pizz.* *arco*

Cb. *f* *pizz.* *arco*

26

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2

Tbn. 3 Tuba

Perc.

Vlns. 1 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*div.*

*unis.*

*a2*

*1.*

31

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc. (Bongo)

Vlins. 1 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

**C**

*f*

*f*

*div.*

*unis.*









53

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Cls. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc. (Timp.)

Vlins. 1  
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*a2*

*a2*

*(1.)*

*unis. arco*

*div.*

59 **F** Playfully

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Cls. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc.

Vlins. 1  
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*p*

*+2.*

*p*

*Muted*

*p*

*Muted*

*p*

*Maracas*

*p*

**F** Playfully

*unis. pizz.*

*p*

64 G

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2

Tbn. 3

Perc.

Vlins. 1 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

69

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Cls. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc.

Vlns. 1  
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*f*

*a2*

*f*

*f*

Open

Open

*div.*





79 **H**

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 *p sustained, smoothly*

3 4 *p sustained, smoothly*

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2 *p sustained, smoothly*

Tbn. 3 Tuba *p sustained, smoothly*

Perc.

Vlins. 1 *unis. (as a sigh) (p)*

2

Vla.

Vlc. *p sustained, smoothly* *pizz.*

Cb. *p sustained, smoothly* *pizz.*

86 I

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2

Tbn. 3 Tuba

Perc. **Low Tom-Tom**  
*p a quiet background*

Vlins. 1 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*mf cantabile*

*mf cantabile*

**I**

93 J

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Cls. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc.

Vlins. 1  
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*pizz.*

*arco*

*pizz.*

*arco*

*pizz.*

*arco*

J

100 K

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Cls. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc. (Tom-Tom)

Vlins. 1  
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*mf cantabile*

*mf cantabile*

*pizz.*

*pizz.*

*pizz.*

K

107 L

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Cls. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc.

Vlins. 1  
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

114 *poco rit.*

The score is divided into two systems. The first system includes Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboes (1 and 2), Clarinets (1 and 2), Bassoons (1 and 2), Horns (1, 2, 3, 4), Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Trombones (1, 2), Tuba (3), and Percussion (Tom-Tom). The second system includes Violins (1 and 2), Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking is *poco rit.* The dynamic marking *mf* is used for several instruments. The woodwinds and strings play sustained notes with long slurs. The brass instruments play rhythmic patterns of eighth notes. The percussion part features a Tom-Tom drum with a specific rhythmic pattern.

**M** With energy ( $\text{♩} = 100$ )  
a flurry of excitement

120

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Cls. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc.

Suspended Cymbal

*f*

*f*

*p*

*f*

Glockenspiel  
"celebratory glissandi" *ad lib.*

**M** With energy ( $\text{♩} = 100$ )  
a flurry of excitement

Vlins. 1  
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*









138 O

Picc. *mf* *f*

Fls. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Obs. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Cls. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Bsns. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Tbn. 3 Tuba *mf* *f*

(Timp.) *mf* *f*

Perc. *mf* *f*

Tamb. *mf* *f*

Vlins. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Vla. *mf* *f*

Vlc. *mf* *f*

Cb. *mf* *f*

143

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154 Q

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Cls. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbn. 3  
Tuba

Perc. (Bongo)  
Slapstick  
Ratchet

Vlins. 1  
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

*f* *mf* *unis.* *div.* *a2* *f* *Q* *unis.*

160

*rit. to end* *very triumphant*

Picc.

Fls. 1 2 *a2*

Obs. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 *+2.*

Bsns. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tpts. 1 2 3

Tbns. 1 2

Tbn. 3 Tuba *unis.*

Perc. (Timp.) *f* *Crash Cymbals* *f*

Vlins. 1 2 *rit. to end* *div. very triumphant*

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.