

# Coast to Coast

## An American Musical Road Trip for Symphonic Band

*The Sidewalks of New York • My Kind of Town (Chicago Is) • Kansas City, Here I Come  
The Yellow Rose of Texas • Viva Las Vegas • I Left My Heart in San Francisco*

Arranged by Joe Derhake

### INSTRUMENTATION

1-FULL SCORE  
1-PICCOLO  
2-1st FLUTES  
2-2nd FLUTES  
2-3rd FLUTES  
1-1st OBOE  
1-2nd OBOE  
4-1st CLARINETS  
4-2nd CLARINETS  
4-3rd CLARINETS  
2-BASS CLARINET  
1-CONTRA ALTO CLARINET in Eb  
or CONTRA BASS CLARINET in Bb  
2-BASSOONS  
2-1st ALTO SAXOPHONES  
2-2nd ALTO SAXOPHONES  
2-TENOR SAXOPHONES  
1-BARITONE SAXOPHONE

3-1st TRUMPETS  
3-2nd TRUMPETS  
3-3rd TRUMPETS  
2-1st HORNS in F  
2-2nd HORNS in F  
2-1st TROMBONES  
2-2nd TROMBONES  
2-3rd TROMBONES  
2-EUPHONIUMS T.C.  
3-EUPHONIUMS B.C.  
4-TUBAS  
1-STRING BASS  
1-TIMPANI  
1-1st Mallet Percussion: Glockenspiel, Vibes  
1-2nd Mallet Percussion: Marimba, Xylophone  
1-1st Percussion: Snare Drum  
1-2nd Percussion: Suspended Cymbal, Vibraslap,  
Tambourine, Bell Tree, Temple Blocks  
1-3rd Percussion: Crash Cymbals  
1-4th Percussion: Bass Drum

Grade 3.5

Duration: Approx. 7 Minutes



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## Program Notes

One of the first challenges a writer faces in a medley is, of course, how to blend songs that can differ from one another greatly in terms of style, tempo and mood into a cohesive whole that makes sense, and hopefully shows as little of the "seams" when it is stitched together for a live performance. I quickly settled on the idea to try to put the tunes in order roughly by geography, with the image of an imaginary road trip starting in New York in the east and ending in San Francisco on the west coast as the organizing force in the arrangement. As luck would have it, the musical transitions just seemed to kind of fall into place once that decision was made. I hope folks enjoy playing and hearing it.

*The Sidewalks of New York* is a popular song composed in 1894 by vaudeville actor and singer Charles B. Lawlor with lyric by James W. Blake. It was an immediate and long-lasting hit and is often considered a theme for New York City. Many artists, including Mel Torme, Duke Ellington, Larry Groce, Richard Barone, and The Grateful Dead have performed it. The song is written in the waltz style that was popular in its day. This arrangement actually begins loosely based on Nat King Cole's recorded version, but abruptly takes a turn in the second verse to a more intense interpretation in the relative minor key, reminiscent of the film scores of Lalo Schiffrin, and with a little nod to another well-known New York tune.

*My Kind of Town (Chicago Is)* was composed by Jimmy Van Heusen, with lyric by Sammy Cahn. The song was originally part of the musical score for **Robin and the 7 Hoods**, a 1964 musical film starring several members of the Rat Pack. Of course, it goes without saying that the major influence for this arrangement is the timeless interpretation by none other than the great Frank Sinatra.

*Kansas City (Here I Come)* is a rhythm and blues song written by the hit songwriting duo of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller in 1952. It became one of Leiber and Stoller's most recorded tunes, with more than 300 versions. While in writing this section, I was mostly listening to the version by Fats Domino, but I'd say the style is more an amalgam of many "covers" that is simply designed to be fun to listen to. Incidentally, the slow trumpet introduction from W.C. Handy's *St. Louis Blues* just seemed to work well as a transition, both musically and geographically.

*The Yellow Rose of Texas* is a traditional American folk song dating back to at least the 1850's that many people, even outside of Texas, are well-familiar with. It is widely considered one of the most popular Western songs of all time, with several versions of the song having been recorded by the likes of Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, and Mitch Miller. I had a bit of fun with this tune, first drawing it out into a lyrical "mini-chorale" and then taking it through a couple faster iterations, with some brief salutes to other songs about the Lone Star State that the careful listener will recognize.

*Viva Las Vegas* is a 1963 song recorded by Elvis Presley, written by Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman for his **Viva Las Vegas** film vehicle. People may be surprised to find out that Presley never actually sang the song live outside of the movie performance, yet despite that it has become one of "The King's" most iconic numbers, widely known and often performed by others. The low brass gets its moment of glory channeling Elvis' inimitable baritone in the verse following the intro.

*I Left My Heart in San Francisco* requires little introduction, even to this day. Written in the fall of 1953, with music by George Cory and lyric by Douglass Cross, it became best-known as the signature song of Tony Bennett, as well as one of the official anthems for the city of San Francisco. In deciding to take a "detour" from Bennett's easy-listening style, as well as Alfred Reed's lyrical and popular stand-alone concert band arrangement, I decided what the tune needed as the ending of this medley was a little uptempo pizzazz. With the imagination fired by the spirit of Count Basie's sassy big-band arrangement, it all comes together in a dramatic and rousing finale.

This arrangement was made possible by the support of two influential people who I wish to acknowledge. The first is composer James Barnes, who needs no introduction in the band world. I have admired his work since performing his well-known *Alvamar Overture* on one of my earliest middle school concerts. In working for Keiser Southern Music, I have had the distinct honor over the past several years to get to know Jim on a personal and professional level, and the thrill of him hearing this piece as it was being recorded this past spring can best be described as like cutting a record together with your favorite childhood rock star. I also want to give special thanks to Lauren Keiser, not only my most important mentor in the business of publishing, but also as an insightful advocate of musical talent, whose ability to inspire and develop one's artistry is second to none. With thanks to both of these of these inspirational figures, and the unwavering support of my family and friends, this little romp was born.

*Joe Derhake, July 2019*

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arr. Joe Derhake

Broadly ♩ = 140  
rall.

accel.

Waltz ♩ = 65

11 The Sidewalks of New York

Piccolo\*

Flutes 1

Flutes 2/3

Oboes 1/2\*

B♭ Clarinets 1

B♭ Clarinets 2/3

B♭ Bass Clarinets

E♭ Contra Alto Clarinet

Bassoons (2 opt.)

Alto Saxophones 1/2

Tenor Saxophones

Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpets 1

B♭ Trumpets 2/3

Horns in F 1/2

Trombones 1/2

Trombones 3\*

Euphoniums

Tubas

Double Bass\*

Timpani

Glockenspiel

Marimba

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

Percussion 3

Percussion 4

*mp* *f* *p* *mf* *dim.* *pizz.* *C, F, G* *S. D.* *Susp. Cym.* *Cr. Cym.* *B. D.* *To straight mute* *D. Bass cue* *pick up sticks* *sticks*

\* optional parts

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Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2/3

Obs. 1/2

Cls. 1

Cls. 2/3

Bs.Cls.

C.A.Cl.

Bsns.

A.Sxs. 1/2

T.Sxs.

B.Sx.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2/3

Hns. 1/2

Tbns. 1/2

Tbns. 3

Euphs.

Tubas

D.Bass

Timp.

Glock.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4