

S T R I N G O R C H E S T R A

THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION

David Bobrowitz

FULL SCORE

INSTRUMENTATION

1-FULL SCORE
8-1st VIOLIN
8-2nd VIOLIN
5-VIOLA
5-VIOLONCELLO
5-DOUBLE BASS

Grade 5

Duration: Approx. 7 Minutes



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PROGRAM NOTES

The title, *The Last Full Measure of Devotion*, is taken from words spoken by President Abraham Lincoln at the battleground at Gettysburg in one of his most famous speeches. The music opens with a statement that is both powerful, yet melancholy, and is meant to represent the great former President. This dramatic introduction leads to a powerful melody that is supported by the lower strings playing pizzicato. As the armies of the North and South fight for what each believe to be a righteous cause, a torn nation is represented by a dissonant shortened version of *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*. As this section ends, a new fast tempo is played to represent the forces in conflict. The music captures this conflict along with the death that all war brings. The opening statement describing Lincoln appears again, as well as the strident shortened, *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*. The piece ends with the depiction of the horrible toll of battle, as bodies of American men both from the North and the South, lie on the bloodied battlefield.

"That from these honored dead, we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

- Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

David Bobrowitz (b. 1945) received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Mannes College of Music, majoring in Trombone Performance under Simon Karasick. He went on to Teachers College, Columbia University, where he earned a Masters in Music Education. He studied composition independently under the tutelage of Robert Russell Bennett.

Mr. Bobrowitz was a freelance bass trombonist, pianist, composer and arranger in the New York area for more than 30 years. He retired from the Great Neck Public Schools in June 2000 and now resides in Midlothian, Virginia. He has published more than 200 works and continues to be in demand as a performer, composer, and arranger.

The Last Full Measure of Devotion

David Bobrowitz
(V)

Boldly ♩ = 64

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

1 *f* 2 *f* 3 *ff* 4 *f* 5 *f*

6 **Moderately** ♩ = 72

7

Violin 1

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6 *ff* 7 *mf* *espress.* 8 *mp* 9 *mf* *espress.* 10 *mp* 11 *mp*

pizz.

ff *mf* *mp*

ff *mf* *mp*

ff *mf* *mp*

6 7 8 9 10 11

12 **14**

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

12 13 14 15 16 17

18

mp *mp* *p* *mf* *f* *f* *f* *f*

pizz. *pizz.* *unis.* *unis.* *pizz.*

18 19 20 21

22

div. arco *arco* *pizz.* *unis.* *pizz.*

22 23 24 25

26

f *f* *pizz.* *f*

26 27 28 29 30

31

f espress.

f espress.

mf

mf

31 32 33 34 35

36

38

f

f

f

36 37 38 39

40

f

f

40 41 42 43

44 45 *div.* 3 3

44 45 46 47 *mp*

48 *unis.* *rit.* 50 Fast ♩ = 120

48 49 50 51 52

53

53 54 55 56

[illegible]

71 73

mf mp mf pizz. mf mf

71 72 73 74 75

76

ff arco ff arco ff ff

76 77 78 79

80

f arco f arco f

80 81 82 83

84

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

84 85 86 87 88

div. *rit.* (V)

div. (V)

90 Fast ♩ = 120

89

ff

unis.

unis.

89 90 91 92

93

97

mp

mp

93 94 95 96 97

98

98 99 100 101 102 103

104 Moderately ♩ = 72

104 105 106 107 108 109

110 Very fast ♩ = 140

110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118

119 *rit. unis.* (V) **Slowly** ♩ = 64

119 *mp* 120 121 *p* 122 123 124 125 126 127 128

129 **135**

129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136

137 **143**

137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147

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