

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

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Woody Guthrie

Arranged by
Ethan Epple

FULL SCORE

INSTRUMENTATION

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

Grade 4
Duration: Approx. 3 Minutes

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ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Woody Guthrie was an American singer-songwriter who became one of the most significant figures in American folk music. Born in Oklahoma in 1912, Guthrie wrote hundreds of songs in many genres before his death in 1967. His son Arlo Guthrie also became well known as a musician. His most famous song, *This Land is Your Land*, was written in 1940.

ABOUT THE ARRANGER

Ethan Epple enjoys teaching in the Waukegan Community Unit School District 60 at Robert Abbott Middle School in Waukegan, IL. He directs the bands, choirs, and orchestras and all extracurricular music activities for the school including color guard, marching band, the Mariachi Ensemble, Chamber Strings, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony Orchestra. Prior experience includes teaching high school orchestra, middle school band, orchestra, and general music, and elementary band, orchestra, and general music in various locations.

Mr. Epple's educational experiences include a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2011) and he completed his Master of Music Education degree from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. He enjoys serving as a church organist and musician and performs with the Elmhurst Symphony on the viola.

PROGRAM NOTE

After a brief introduction, the violas introduce the first melodic theme, then pass to first violins in octaves as Ethan Epple's fun and inventive arrangement develops. The Americana stage is set for seasoned ensembles, employing *staccato*, shifting to 5th position, creating a broad pitch range, *pizzicato*, syncopation and a key change moving seamlessly from D major to G Major, while each instrument carries the melody and counter melody. This arrangement is a must-have in your library for recruitment, Veterans Day, Flag Day, the 4th of July, or just because it creatively rounds out your next concert.

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arr. Ethan Epple

Allegro moderato (in 2)

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

9 *pizz.* *mf*

17 *3 arco* *mp* *div.* *arco*

18 *sul A* *2* *1* *1* *4* *III* *-1* *3* *f*

div. *8*