

Robert Shaw & Robert Russell Bennett

The Many Moods of Christmas

Suite Four

transcribed for Symphonic Wind Band by
R. Mark Rogers

INSTRUMENTATION

1-FULL SCORE
1-PICCOLO (doubling on FLUTE)
3-1st FLUTE
3-2nd FLUTE
1-1st OBOE
1-2nd OBOE
1-ENGLISH HORN
1-ENGLISH HORN
(special part in default of 2nd OBOE)
1-CLARINET in Eb
4-1st CLARINET
4-2nd CLARINET
4-3rd CLARINET
1-ALTO CLARINET
2-BASS CLARINET
1-CONTRA ALTO CLARINET
1-CONTRA BASS CLARINET
1-1st BASSOON
1-2nd BASSOON
1-CONTRABASSOON
(optional - not shown on score)
2-1st ALTO SAXOPHONE
2-2nd ALTO SAXOPHONE
2-TENOR SAXOPHONE
1-BARITONE SAXOPHONE

2-1st TRUMPET
2-2nd TRUMPET
2-3rd TRUMPET
2-4th TRUMPET
1-1st HORN in F
1-2nd HORN in F
1-3rd HORN in F
1-4th HORN in F
2-1st TROMBONE
2-2nd TROMBONE
2-3rd (BASS) TROMBONE
2-EUPHONIUM in Treble Clef
3-EUPHONIUM in Bass Clef
4-TUBA
1-STRING BASS
1-TIMPANI
4-PERCUSSION: Snare Drum, Parade Drum,
Cymbals, Small and Large Bass Drums,
Triangle, Large Gong, Bells, Xylophone,
Vibraphone and Chimes
1-HARP (optional)
1-ORGAN (optional)

Grade 4
Duration: Approx. 9 Minutes



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THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS, SUITE 2
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In the mid '40's, just after the Second World War, a young American choral director, Robert Shaw, in collaboration with Alice Parker, selected and arranged some two dozen carols from various cultures for unaccompanied chorus. His Collegiate Chorale, rechristened the Robert Shaw Chorale, was assembled to record them for RCA Victor, and the results were issued originally on three 78 rpm discs. In the sound-starved postwar years, these *Christmas Hymns and Carols* were an instant success. The simple beauty of the settings, sung by the fresh young voices of the Chorale, proved appealing for many Christmases thereafter. When the startling new technology of the long-playing record was introduced in 1948, it was only a matter of time before these sounds were preserved in vinyl. Encouraged by the success of the first group, Mr. Shaw and Miss Parker arranged another two dozen, and these were recorded in stereo in 1958, just a dozen years after the first.

Enter Robert Russell Bennett, distinguished American composer/conductor/arranger, who in 1962 reworked a dozen traditional and contemporary carols for a recording by the legendary American contralto, Marian Anderson. The success of this venture encouraged RCA to commission Mr. Bennett to arrange a group of eighteen traditional carols for chorus and large orchestra, with occasional obbligato passages for lute and organ. The result: *The Many Moods of Christmas* with Robert Shaw conducting his chorale, was issued by RCA in the mid '60's, making use of the then-widely-touted Dynagroove process, which claimed unusual improvement in brilliance, clarity and presence, elimination of surface noise and inner-groove distortion.

Albert Petrak (1926-2014)

The enduring success of the four suites of *The Many Moods of Christmas* has caused envy within the concert band community due to the unavailability of this music for performance by wind bands accompanying large choruses. As of this writing (September 2019) three of the four suites are now transcribed for band and chorus, the second of the suites by R. Mark Rogers. In the course of preparing this transcription, it was noted that the extensive passages for orchestra alone represented some of Russell Bennett's most brilliant and attractive writing based on familiar Christmas carols. The present edition, for wind band alone, consisting of approximately seven of the original twelve minutes of *The Many Moods of Christmas, Suite Four*, is the second offering in an ongoing series which will bring all four of these suites to the repertory of band conductors in the coming years.

Included within the band setting of *The Many Moods of Christmas, Suite Four*, are *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*, *The First Nowell*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *I Saw Three Ships*, and concludes with a rousing version of *Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly*.

R. Mark Rogers has degrees from Texas Tech University and the University of Texas. As Director of Publications for Southern Music Company from 1993 through 2012, he authored editions of the music of Percy Grainger and John Philip Sousa that have entered band repertory worldwide. He is also widely published as an arranger and transcriber, with performances by all five of the Washington, DC service bands.

The merger of Southern Music Company with Lauren Keiser Music has opened new avenues in band music for Rogers, resulting in the appearance of a series of new editions of Christmas favorites and several classic settings by Alfred Reed and Percy Grainger.

Dr. Rogers is the conductor of the Heart of Texas Concert Band and serves on the adjunct faculty of San Antonio College, Texas Lutheran University and Trinity University, and prior to coming to San Antonio was on the faculty of the University of South Alabama and a staff member with the University of Texas Longhorn Band. A bassoonist, he performs with the orchestras of Corpus Christi, Victoria, Laredo, San Antonio and Austin, as well as the Mid-Texas Symphony.

In addition, travel to the Far East, Europe and the Atlantic seacoast (to keep up with children and grandchildren) keep him busy and very happy. Dr. Rogers resides in San Antonio with Sudie, his wife of more than forty years.

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Full Score
S1006

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CHORALE: Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

take Flute, if you like, and play along with the rest of the section

5

Piccolo

1

Flutes

2

Oboes

1

2

English Horn

Clarinet in E \flat

1

2

B \flat Clarinets

3

E \flat Alto Clarinet

B \flat Bass Clarinets

B \flat Contra Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

1

2

E \flat Alto Saxophones

1

2

B \flat Tenor Saxophones

E \flat Baritone Saxophone

CHORALE

B \flat Trumpets

1

2

3

4

Horns in F

1

2

3

4

Trombones

1

2

Bass

Euphoniums

Tubas

String Bass

Timpani

Percussion

Bells & Xylophone

Harp (optional)

Organ (optional)

(Gt., Sw. full & soft)

16', 8', 4'

1

2

3

4

5

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6

9

1

Flutes

2

Oboes

1

2

E. Hn.

E♭ Cl.

1

B♭ Clars.

2

3

Al. Cl.

Bs. Cls.

CB. Cl.

Bsns.

1

2

A. Sxs.

1

2

T. Sxs.

B. Sx.

9

1

2

Trpts.

3

4

1

2

Horns

3

4

1

2

Trbns.

Bs.

Euphs.

Tubas

St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc.

Bells

Organ

6

7

8

9

10