

**Festival Literature**

# On An Old Gaelic Melody

*Concert Band*

## Don Colquitt

C1010

Grade Level 1.5

\$48.00

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### Instrumentation

Flute - 6, Oboe - 1, Bassoon - 1, Clarinet 1 - 6, Clarinet 2 - 6, Bass Clarinet - 2  
Alto Saxophone - 4, Tenor Saxophone - 2, Baritone Saxophone - 1

Trumpet 1 - 5, Trumpet 2 - 5, F Horn - 4, Trombone - 4  
Baritone BC - 2, Baritone TC - 2, Tuba - 4

Percussion 1 - 2, Percussion 2 - 2, Bells - 2, Timpani - 1



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# *A Note From The Composer*

The tune of *On an Old Gaelic Melody* has been around for a long time and has been performed in churches as well as rock concerts. The reason for this is simple: it is a beautiful melody. The first section of the piece can be played several ways. It can be a trio (1 flute, 1 clarinet, 1 bass clarinet) or full sections. Tuba can play with the bass clarinet. A smooth cantabile style is vital no matter what combination is used. A gradual accelerando begins in measure 29 and is performed totally by percussion. The tom tom part can be played on a concert tom, tenor drum, or a snare drum with the snares off. A balance between all of the drums and cymbals is critical as well. The allegro con moto (ms. 37) should be quite fast. Accent notes should not be spaced. These notes should be tongued harder and played louder. A gradual ritard at m. 65 leads to the final chorale. In this reharmonization, careful attention to legato phrasing and dynamic shape is a must. The piece ends with the chamber quality found at the beginning.

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Score

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Andante cantabile

Flute  
Oboe

Clarinet 1  
2

Alto Sax

Tenor Sax

Bass Clarinet

Baritone Sax  
Alto Clarinet

Trumpet 1  
2

F Horn

Trombone  
Bassoon

Baritone  
Tuba

Bells

Timpani

Snare Drum  
Tom Tom

Cymbals  
Bass Drum

optional solo

- ob

*mf*

optional solo

*mf*

bass clarinet solo or  
bass clarinet and tuba

*mf legato*

*mf legato*

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13

Flt  
Ob

Cl 1  
2

A Sx

T Sx  
B Cl

B Sx  
A Cl

Tpt 1  
2

FH

Tbn  
Bsn

Btn  
Tba

Bells

Timp

SD  
TT

Cym  
BD

This musical score page contains two staves of music for a large orchestra. The top staff includes parts for Flute (Flt), Oboe (Ob), Clarinet 1 (Cl 1), Clarinet 2 (Cl 2), Alto Saxophone (A Sx), Tenor Saxophone/Bass Clarinet (T Sx/B Cl), Bass Saxophone/Alto Clarinet (B Sx/A Cl), Trumpet 1/2 (Tpt 1/2), French Horn (FH), Trombone/Bassoon (Tbn/Bsn), Bass Trombone/Tuba (Btn/Tba), Bells, Timpani (Timp), Snare Drum/Tom Tom (SD/TT), and Cymbals/Bass Drum (Cym/BD). The bottom staff continues the same instrumentation. Measure 13 starts with a forte dynamic for Flt and Ob, followed by a piano dynamic for Cl 1 and Cl 2. Measure 14 begins with a piano dynamic for B Sx/A Cl, followed by a forte dynamic for Tpt 1/2 and FH. The score uses standard musical notation with stems, note heads, and rests. Dynamic markings include f (forte), p (piano), and accents. Measure 13 ends with a fermata over the last note of the measure.

23

Flt  
Ob

Cl 1  
2

A Sx

T Sx  
B Cl

B Sx  
A Cl

Tpt 1  
2

FH

Tbn  
Bsn

Btn  
Tba

Bells

Timpani

SD  
TT

Cym  
BD

29 cresc e accel

Flt Ob

Cl 1 2

A Sx

T Sx B Cl

B Sx A Cl

Tpt 1 2

FH

Tbn Bsn

Btn Tba

Bells

Timp

SD TT

Cym BD



43

Flt  
Ob

Cl 1  
2

A Sx

T Sx  
B Cl

B Sx  
A Cl

Tpt 1  
2

FH

Tbn  
Bsn

Btn  
Tba

Bells

Timp

SD  
TT

Cym  
BD

51

Flt  
Ob

Cl 1  
2

A Sx

T Sx  
B Cl

B Sx  
A Cl

Tpt 1  
2

FH

Tbn  
Bsn

Btn  
Tba

Bells

Timp

SD  
TT

Cym  
BD

57

Flt Ob

Cl 1  
2

A Sx

T Sx  
B Cl

B Sx  
A Cl

Tpt 1  
2

FH

Tbn  
Bsn

Btn  
Tba

Bells

Timp

SD  
TT

Cym  
BD

This musical score page contains ten staves of music. The top section includes parts for Flute/Oboe, Clarinet 1/2, Alto Saxophone, Tenor/Soprano Bassoon, Bassoon/A Cello, Trombone 1/2, French Horn, Tuba/Bassoon, Bass Trombone/Tuba, Bells, Timpani, Snare Drum/Tom Tom, and Cymbals/Bass Drum. Measure 57 begins with dynamic *f* and *sffz*. The bassoon and bass trombone play eighth-note patterns. The timpani and snare/tom tom provide rhythmic support. The cymbals/bass drum play sustained notes. The alto saxophone and tenor/soprano bassoon provide harmonic foundation.



Flt  
Ob

Cl 1  
2

A Sx

T Sx  
B Cl

B Sx  
A Cl

Tpt 1  
2

FH

Tbn  
Bsn

Btn  
Tba

Bells

Timp

SD  
TT

Cym  
BD

mp      p

mp      p

mp      p

mp      p

pp

pp



Flt Ob

Cl 1 2

A Sx

T Sx B Cl

B Sx A Cl

Tpt 1 2

FH

Tbn Bsn

Btn Tba

Bells

Timpani

SD TT

Cym BD

88

Flt  
Ob

Cl 1  
2

A Sx

T Sx  
B Cl

B Sx  
A Cl

Tpt 1  
2

FH

Tbn  
Bsn

Btn  
Tba

Bells

Timp

SD  
TT

Cym  
BD

Flt  
 Ob

Cl 1  
 2

A Sx

T Sx  
 B Cl

B Sx  
 A Cl

Tpt 1  
 2

FH

Tbn  
 Bsn

Btn  
 Tba

Bells

Timp

SD  
 TT

Cym  
 BD

94

99

+ ob  
 Flt Ob  
 Cl 1 2  
 A Sx  
 T Sx B Cl  
 B Sx A Cl  
 Tpt 1 2  
 FH  
 Tbn Bsn  
 Btn Tba  
 Bells  
 Timp  
 SD TT  
 Cym BD

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