

Down by the Salley Gardens

Poem by William Butler Yeats (1865–1939) Traditional Irish Folk Song Arranged by Patrick Roszell (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B_b Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B_b Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B¹ Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune B¹, F)
- Percussion
 (Wind Chimes, Suspended Cymbal)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Bass Clef

Tuba in Eb Treble Clef

Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Bb Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

"Down by the Salley Gardens" is a poem by William Butler Yeats published in *The Wanderings of Oisin and Other Poems* in 1889. The tune is an old Irish air. A salley is a willow tree, and a weir is a low dam head. Commonly, water flows freely over the top of the weir crest before cascading down to a lower level.

Down by the Salley Gardens
By William Butler Yeats

Down by the salley gardens my love and I did meet;
She passed the salley gardens with little snow-white feet.
She bid me take love easy, as the leaves grow on the tree;
But I, being young and foolish, with her would not agree.

In a field by the river my love and I did stand, And on my leaning shoulder she laid her snow-white hand. She bid me take life easy, as the grass grows on the weirs; But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

This arrangement should be approached in a legato manner throughout. There are numerous teaching opportunities for legato playing and slurs. One lesson plan could include reading the poem to the students and asking if the couple stayed together or not and to reflect that in their playing.

As always, feel free to adjust tempo and dynamics to suit your ensemble and performance venue.

I have enjoyed arranging *Down by the Salley Gardens*. Best wishes for a wonderful performance!







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