

As performed by Van Halen

# DREAMS

## FOR STRING ORCHESTRA

with Optional Rock Rhythm Section

Words and Music by SAMMY HAGAR, EDWARD VAN HALEN, ALEX VAN HALEN and MICHAEL ANTHONY

Arranged by **MARK WOOD****Instrumentation**

- 1 Full Score
- 8 Advanced Violins
- 8 Violin I
- 8 Violin II
- 5 Violin III (Viola  $\frac{1}{2}$ )
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Piano Accompaniment

**PROGRAM NOTES**

One of the great Van Halen songs transcribed for string orchestra. As a string player, I was enamored with Eddie Van Halen. He was a big influence on me while I was studying at Juilliard. I purposely lowered the key to A major for better playability. The tempo is brisk, yet very playable. The upbeat and positive posture of this composition was a big attraction to me as a musician, and it was an honor for me to show great respect to the song and our string world! The play-along tracks feature my personal band!

**NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR**

I composed and added the advanced violin part, to give the music a little more pizzazz and a challenge to the advanced violinists.

While at Juilliard, I studied and transcribed a lot of Eddie's guitar playing to further understand not just his virtuosity, but his phrasing. The solo section in *Dreams* is a great example of his masterful improvisation. As we string players know, our 400 year history was always a journey in virtuoso playing. From Bach and Vivaldi all the way to Paganini, we have the strong background and credibility to express powerful technical facility and musicality. So, we string players can do anything! Yet, the virtuoso guitar world was a real cultural movement back in the 1970s for over 20 years and beyond. And *Dreams* is the perfect example of melody, arrangement, virtuosity, and performance.

**ABOUT THE MULTI-LEVEL PARTS AND ROCK RHYTHM SECTION**

*Dreams* is designed to be performed by a level 3 orchestra with an advanced violin section of level 4 players.

Although the piece can be played by strings alone, an optional standard rock rhythm section can be used consisting of guitar, electric bass, piano, and drums. Only the piano part appears in the score. Another option is to play along with the demo track that is available as a free download.

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FULL SCORE  
Duration - 4:35

As performed by Van Halen

# Dreams

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**Energetic ♩ = 144**

Advanced Violins

Violins I

Violins II

Viola (Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

Piano Accompaniment (Optional)

Adv. Vlns.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8

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9            10            11            12

10

10            11            12            13            14            15            16            17

Musical score page 5, measures 18-20. The score includes parts for Advanced Violins, Violins I, Violins II, Violas (Violin III), Cello, Double Bass, and Piano Accompagnement. The key signature is A major (three sharps). Measure 18: Advanced Violins play eighth-note patterns. Violins I play eighth notes. Violins II play eighth-note pairs. Violas play eighth-note pairs. Cello and Double Bass play eighth-note patterns. Piano Accompagnement plays eighth-note chords. Measure 19: Advanced Violins play eighth-note patterns. Violins I play eighth notes. Violins II play eighth-note pairs. Violas play eighth-note pairs. Cello and Double Bass play eighth-note patterns. Piano Accompagnement plays eighth-note chords. Measure 20: Advanced Violins play eighth-note patterns. Violins I play eighth notes. Violins II play eighth-note pairs. Violas play eighth-note pairs. Cello and Double Bass play eighth-note patterns. Piano Accompagnement plays eighth-note chords.

Musical score page 5, measures 21-23. The score includes parts for Advanced Violins, Violins I, Violins II, Violas (Violin III), Cello, Double Bass, and Piano Accompagnement. The key signature is A major (three sharps). Measure 21: Advanced Violins play eighth-note patterns. Violins I play eighth notes. Violins II play eighth-note pairs. Violas play eighth-note pairs. Cello and Double Bass play eighth-note patterns. Piano Accompagnement plays eighth-note chords. Measure 22: Advanced Violins play eighth-note patterns. Violins I play eighth notes. Violins II play eighth-note pairs. Violas play eighth-note pairs. Cello and Double Bass play eighth-note patterns. Piano Accompagnement plays eighth-note chords. Measure 23: Advanced Violins play eighth-note patterns. Violins I play eighth notes. Violins II play eighth-note pairs. Violas play eighth-note pairs. Cello and Double Bass play eighth-note patterns. Piano Accompagnement plays eighth-note chords.

Adv. Vlns.

I

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

24                    25                    26

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27

Adv. Vlns.

I

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

27                    28                    29

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

30                    31                    32

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

33                    34                    35

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

36                    37                    38                    39

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

40                    41                    42                    43

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

44

45

46

47

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

48

49

50

51

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

52                    53                    54                    55

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

56                    57                    58                    59

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

60            61            62            63

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

64            65            66            67

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

68            69            70            71

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

72            73            74

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

75                    76                    77

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

78                    79                    80

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

81      82      83      84

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

85      86      87      88

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

89                    90                    91                    92

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Ad. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

93                    94                    95                    96

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

97      98      99      100

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Ad. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

104 -2

-1      V

mf

104

101      102      103      104

Improvise solo in B minor -

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.  
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.  
Accomp.

105            106            107            108

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.  
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.  
Accomp.

109            110            111            112

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

(V) -4

ff -2 4

4

113 114 115

116 -3

ff 4

ff ff

ff ff

ff ff

ff ff

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Musical score page 19, measures 119-121. The score includes parts for Advanced Violins, I Vlns., II Vlns., Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, and Pno. Accomp. The Advanced Violins play eighth-note patterns. The other instruments provide harmonic support. Measure 119 ends with a fermata over the Advanced Violins. Measure 120 begins with a dynamic change. Measure 121 concludes with a forte dynamic.

119 120 121

Musical score page 19, measures 122-124. The instrumentation remains the same: Advanced Violins, I Vlns., II Vlns., Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, Str. Bass, and Pno. Accomp. The Advanced Violins continue their eighth-note patterns. Measures 122 and 123 show sustained notes from the strings. Measure 124 concludes with a final dynamic.

122 123 124

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

non div.

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

125                    126                    127

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

128                    129                    130                    131

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

132                    133                    134                    135

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

136                    137                    138                    139

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

140                    141                    142                    143

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

144                    145                    146                    147

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

148                    149                    150                    151

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp.

152                    153                    154                    155

Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.  
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.  
Accomp.

156                    157                    158                    159                    160

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Adv. Vlns.

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.  
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.  
Accomp.

161                    162                    163                    164                    165