

THE RED-HAIRED GIRL

By Bob Phillips

INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	1
Violin I.	8
Violin II.	8
Violin III (Viola tr)	5
Viola.	5
Cello.	5
String Bass	5

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The Red-Haired Girl was written for Cyndi Betts on the occasion of her retirement from the Grand Rapids Christian Schools Orchestra program. She expressed to me that she loves Bach and Celtic music and that her favorite hymn is "Be Thou My Vision," a traditional hymn believed to be of Irish origin. All three elements have been incorporated into this dramatic piece.

The opening cello sequence in measures 1–32 is an homage to the "Prelude" from Bach's *Cello Suite No. 1*. "Be Thou My Vision" floats over the counterpoint starting in measure 17. Up to half of the 1st violin section may be assigned to the upper part in bars 17–32. It may also be a feature for a soloist. The goal is to balance the counterpoint and melodic lines for your ensemble.

A slow Celtic-styled reel starts in measure 33 with a written-out ornament on beat 1. This ornament is sometimes written as triplets or "trebles" in Irish music; however, for this purpose, it is notated as 2 sixteenths and an eighth note. Careful attention should be given to the accent on beat 1, with stress added to beat 3 as well. In measure 41, the accent switches to beat 2 and then back to beat 1 in measure 49. All of the grace note ornaments should be played very lightly and quickly, starting on the beat.

The jig rhythm that starts in measure 57 should be played with more bow on beats 1 and 4 and less bow on beats 2, 3, 5, and 6 to create a more Irish sound. The pizzicatos in measures 73–80 and 97–104 should be played very short by plucking the string vertically instead of horizontally. The accelerando that starts in measure 199 should be measured and not overdone.

Note from the Editor

In orchestral music, there are many editorial markings that are open for interpretation. In an effort to maintain consistency and clarity you may find some of these markings in this piece. In general, markings for fingerings, bowing patterns, and other items will only be marked with their initial appearance. For a more detailed explanation of our editorial markings, please download the free PDF at www.alfred.com/stringeditorial.

X
extended position

-
shift

’
bow lift/reset

(b), (#), (d)
high or low fingerings

▮▮ or V V
hooked bowings



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*Dedicated to the Grand Rapids Christian Schools Orchestra Program and its director,
Cyndi Betts, on the occasion of her retirement and in honor of her 35-year teaching career*

The Red-Haired Girl

FULL SCORE
Duration - 4:15

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Grandioso ♩ = 66

Violins
I
II

Viola (Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

Vlns.
I
II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

mf

1 2 3

4 5 6



9

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

7 8 9

f

f

f

f

f

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

10 11 12

Score for measures 13-15, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, and Str. Bass. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The dynamic is *mf* (mezzo-forte).

Measures 13-15 show a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing triplets. Measure 15 includes a 4-measure rest for the Vlns. I & II and a 2-measure rest for the Cello.

Score for measures 16-18, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, and Str. Bass. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The dynamic is *f* (forte).

Measure 16 includes a 4-measure rest for the Vlns. I & II and a 3-measure rest for the Cello. Measure 17 includes a 1-measure rest for the Vlns. I & II and a 3-measure rest for the Cello. Measure 18 includes a 1-measure rest for the Vlns. I & II and a 3-measure rest for the Cello.

19 20 21

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

22 23 24

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

25

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

25 26 27

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

28 29 30

rit. 33 Moderately ♩ = 100

Vlns. I *mf* *mp*

Vlns. II *mf* *mp*

Vla. (Vln. III) *mf* *mp* *div.*

Cello *mf* *mp*

Str. Bass *mf* *mp*

31 32 33

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

34 35 36

Score for measures 37-39, featuring Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass.

Measures 37, 38, and 39 are shown. The score includes staves for Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Measures 37, 38, and 39 are marked at the bottom of the score.

Score for measures 40-42, featuring Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass.

Measures 40, 41, and 42 are shown. The score includes staves for Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, and String Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Measures 40, 41, and 42 are marked at the bottom of the score. Measure 41 includes the marking *mf non-div.*

Score for measures 43-45, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla. (Vln. III)), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Violins (Vlns.): Violin I (I) and Violin II (II) parts. Violin I plays a melodic line with accents and slurs. Violin II plays a rhythmic accompaniment with slurs.

Viola (Vla. (Vln. III)): Plays a melodic line with accents and slurs, mirroring the Violin I part.

Cello: Plays a melodic line with slurs and fingerings (-1, -4).

String Bass (Str. Bass): Provides a low-frequency accompaniment with slurs.

Measures 43, 44, and 45 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

Score for measures 46-48, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla. (Vln. III)), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Violins (Vlns.): Violin I (I) and Violin II (II) parts. Violin I continues the melodic line with accents and slurs. Violin II continues the rhythmic accompaniment with slurs.

Viola (Vla. (Vln. III)): Continues the melodic line with accents and slurs.

Cello: Continues the melodic line with slurs.

String Bass (Str. Bass): Continues the low-frequency accompaniment with slurs.

Measures 46, 47, and 48 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

49

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

non-div.

49 50 51

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

52 53 54

57 Allegro $\text{♩} = 100$

Score for measures 55 to 58, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass). The tempo is marked Allegro with a quarter note equal to 100 beats per minute.

Measures 55 and 56 are in 4/4 time. Measures 57 and 58 are in 3/4 time. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Violins (Vlns.) I and II play a melodic line with accents and slurs. The Viola (Vln. III) plays a similar melodic line. The Cello and String Bass provide harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Measures 57 and 58 feature a forte (*f*) dynamic. The Cello and String Bass have fingerings indicated as -4 and -2.

Score for measures 59 to 63, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vln. III), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass). The tempo is marked Allegro with a quarter note equal to 100 beats per minute.

Measures 59 and 60 are in 4/4 time. Measures 61 and 62 are in 3/4 time. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Violins (Vlns.) I and II play a melodic line with accents and slurs. The Viola (Vln. III) plays a similar melodic line. The Cello and String Bass provide harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Measures 59 and 60 feature a forte (*f*) dynamic. The Cello and String Bass have fingerings indicated as -4 and -2.

65

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

64 65 66 67 68

73

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

69 70 71 72 73

mf
pizz.

mf
pizz.

mf
pizz.

mf
pizz.

mf
pizz.

14

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

74 75 76 77 78

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

79 80 81 82 83

81

f arco

f arco

f arco

f arco

Score for measures 84-88, featuring Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, and Str. Bass.

Measures 84-88 are shown. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The Vlns. I and II parts feature eighth-note patterns. The Vla. (Vln. III) part features dotted eighth notes. The Cello and Str. Bass parts feature dotted eighth notes. The Str. Bass part includes fingerings: -1, -4, and -2.



Score for measures 89-93, featuring Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla. (Vln. III), Cello, and Str. Bass.

Measures 89-93 are shown. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The Vlns. I and II parts feature eighth-note patterns. The Vla. (Vln. III) part features dotted eighth notes. The Cello and Str. Bass parts feature dotted eighth notes. The Str. Bass part includes fingerings: -4 and -2.



97

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

4

pizz.

mp

pizz.

mp

pizz.

mp

pizz.

mp

pizz.

mp

94 95 96 97 98

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

-2

x1

99 100 101 102 103

105

arco

mf arco

4

4

mf arco

4

4

mf arco

104 105 106 107 108

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

mf

4

4

4

4

4

-1

-4

109 110 111 112

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

113 Allegro molto $\text{♩} = 110$

Vlns. I *f*

Vlns. II *f*

Vla. (Vln. III) *f*

Cello *f*

Str. Bass *f*

113 114 115 116 117

Vlns. I *cresc.*

Vlns. II *cresc.*

Vla. (Vln. III) *cresc.*

Cello *cresc.*

Str. Bass *cresc.*

118 119 120 121 122