

TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC!

By Robert Sheldon

When commissioning this piece, the Tipton High School's Band Director, Matthew Skiba, indicated that the premiere performance was to be played at an event where it would be most appropriate for the music to be joyful and uplifting. Those are the feelings I hope to convey in this tuneful and light-hearted piece that features syncopation and a touch of Lydian modality to enhance its playfulness.

The title is obviously borrowed from John Milton and his poem, "L'Allegro," written in 1645. Generally speaking, to "trip the light fantastic" is to dance nimbly (trip) with fancy (fantastic) footwork (light, as in to "light" or land on something after jumping). This unusual turn of phrase has amazingly survived and continues to be used nearly four hundred years later! And somehow it seems to be just the right title for this composition, as the tunes seem to dance nimbly and land lightly on the listener's ear.

Instrumentation

1 — Conductor Score
5 — 1st Flute/Piccolo
5 — 2nd Flute
2 — Oboe
2 — Bassoon
4 — 1st B♭ Clarinet
4 — 2nd B♭ Clarinet
4 — 3rd B♭ Clarinet
2 — B♭ Bass Clarinet
2 — 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone
2 — 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone
2 — B♭ Tenor Saxophone
2 — E♭ Baritone Saxophone
3 — 1st B♭ Trumpet
3 — 2nd B♭ Trumpet
3 — 3rd B♭ Trumpet

2 — 1st F Horn
2 — 2nd F Horn
2 — 1st Trombone
2 — 2nd Trombone
2 — 3rd Trombone
2 — Euphonium
2 — Euphonium T.C.
4 — Tuba
Percussion — 6 players:
2 — Bells
2 — Percussion 1
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
4 — Percussion 2
(Suspended Cymbal,
Tambourine/Triangle/
Mark Tree)
2 — Timpani

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E♭ Alto Clarinet
(B♭ Tenor Saxophone)
E♭ Contra Alto Clarinet
B♭ Contra Bass Clarinet
1st E♭ Horn
2nd E♭ Horn
1st B♭ Trombone T.C.
2nd B♭ Trombone T.C.
3rd B♭ Trombone T.C.
1st B♭ Trombone B.C.
2nd B♭ Trombone B.C.
3rd B♭ Trombone B.C.
B♭ Euphonium B.C.
B♭ Tuba T.C.
B♭ Tuba B.C.
E♭ Tuba T.C.
E♭ Tuba B.C.
String Bass



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FULL SCORE
Duration - 5:00

Trip the Light Fantastic!

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Op. 247

Joyfully ♩ = 144

Flutes/Piccolo 1 2 *f* *ff* *p*

Oboe *f* *ff*

Bassoon *f* *ff* *p*

B♭ Clarinets 1 2 3 *f* *ff*

B♭ Bass Clarinet *f* *ff* *p*

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2 *f* *ff*

B♭ Tenor Saxophone *f* *ff*

E♭ Baritone Saxophone *f* *ff*

B♭ Trumpets 1 2 3 *f* *ff* *p* (Hn. 1)

F Horns 1 2 *f* *ff* *p*

Trombones 1 2 3 *f* *ff*

Euphonium *f* *ff*

Tuba *f* *ff* *p*

Bells (w/hard rubber mallets) *f* *ff*

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum) S.D. *f* B.D. *f* *ff*

Percussion 2 (Suspended Cymbal, Tambourine/Triangle/Mark Tree) *f* *ff* dampen

Timpani (w/medium-hard mallets) *mp* *ff*

Tune: E♭, G, B♭, C *fp*

1 2 3 4



5 -Picc.

Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mp*

Cls. 1 2 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *p* *mp*

T. Sax. *p* *mp*

Bar. Sax. *mp*

5

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 *p* *mp*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *mp*

Euph. *p* *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *Tamb. p* *2*

Timp.

Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

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Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

+Picc.

a2

mf

Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *cresc.*

Ob. *cresc.*

Bsn. *cresc.*

Cls. 1 2 3 *cresc.* *a2*

B. Cl. *cresc.*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *cresc.*

T. Sax. *cresc.*

Bar. Sax. *cresc.*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *cresc.*

Hns. 1 2 *cresc.*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *cresc.*

Euph. *cresc.*

Tuba *cresc.*

Bells *cresc.*

Perc. 1 *cresc.*

Perc. 2 *mp*

Timp.

Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *ff* *mp*

Ob. *ff* *mp*

Bsn. *ff* *mp*

Cls. 1 2 3 *ff* *mp*

B. Cl. *ff* *mp*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *ff* *mp*

T. Sax. *ff* *mp*

Bar. Sax. *ff* *mp*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *ff* *mf*

Hns. 1 2 *ff* *mp*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *ff* *mf* *a2*

Euph. *ff* *mf*

Tuba *ff* *mp*

Bells *ff* *mp*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff* *mf* *ff* *Tri. mp*

Timp. *ff* *mp*

Change: G to F

Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

mf

a2

p

35 -Picc.

Fls./
Picc.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

35

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

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Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

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Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *ff*

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl. *ff*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *ff mf mp*

T. Sax. *ff mf mp*

Bar. Sax. *ff*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *f ff*

Hns. 1 2 *ff mf mp*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *ff*

Euph. *ff mf mp*

Tuba *ff*

Bells

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff* Tamb. *ff mf mp*

Timp. *mf*

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Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn. *mf*

Cls. 1 *mp*
2 *a2*
3 *mp*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax. *mf*

Tpts. 1 *Solo*
2 *St. mute*
3 *mp*

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 *mf*
2 *a2*
3 *mf*

Euph. *Solo*
mf

Tuba *mf*

Bells

Perc. 1 *mp*

Perc. 2 *mp*

Timp.

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Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *f* *ff* *mp*

Ob. *f* *ff*

Bsn. *f* *ff* *mp*

Cls. 1 2 3 *f* *ff* *mp*

B. Cl. *f* *ff* *mp*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *f* *ff*

T. Sax. *f* *ff*

Bar. Sax. *f* *ff* *mp*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *mf* *f* *ff* *p* (Hn. 1)

Hns. 1 2 *mf* *f* *ff* *p*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *mf* *f* *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff* *mp*

Bells *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 (w/mallets) *ff*

Timp. *mf* *ff* *mp*

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64

Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Cls. 1 2 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *p* *mp*

T. Sax. *p* *mp*

Bar. Sax. *mf*

64

Tpts. 1 *mf* *a2* *mf*

2 3 *mf*

Hns. 1 2 *p* *mf*

Tbns. 1 *p* *mf*

2 3 *p* *mf*

Euph. *p* *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Bells *mf*

Perc. 1 *mp*

Perc. 2

Timp. *mf*

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64 65 66 67 68

-Picc. Θ

73

molto rall.**Poco più mosso** ♩ = 80

Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax. Play *mp*

Bar. Sax. *mp*

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph. Tutti

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *p* *mf* (w/medium-soft mallets) Tri. *mp*

Timp. *p* *mp*

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Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *poco stringendo*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Cls. 1 *mf*
2 *a2*
3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *mf*

T. Sax. *mf*

Bar. Sax. *mf*

Tpts. 1 *poco stringendo*
2
3 *mf*

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Bells *mf*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 M.T.

Timp. *mf*

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molto rall.

94 Andante semplice ♩ = 80 21

Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *f* *p* 1. Solo *mp*

Ob. *f* *p* one player *mp*

Bsn. *f* *p* one player *mp*

Cls. 1 *f* *p* one player *mp*

2 3 *f* *p* 2. (Ob.) one player *mp*

B. Cl. *f* *p* (Bsn.) one player *mp*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *f* *p* (Hns.) *mp* a2 one player

T. Sax. *f* *p*

Bar. Sax. *f* *p*

molto rall.

94 Andante semplice ♩ = 80

Tpts. 1 *f* *p*

2 3 *mf* *f* *p*

Hns. 1 2 *f* *mp* a2 one player

Tbns. 1 *f* *p*

2 3 *f* *p*

Euph. *f* *p*

Tuba *f* *p*

Bells *f*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 (w/mallets) *f* Tri. *mp*

Timp. *f*

molto rall. [100] Andante espressivo ♩ = 76

Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn. Tutti *mp*

Cls. 1 *mp* Tutti *mp* Play +3. Tutti *mp*

2 3 *mp* Play

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *mf* Play 1. one player *mp* Play +2. *mp*

T. Sax. *mp*

Bar. Sax. *mp*

molto rall. [100] Andante espressivo ♩ = 76

Tpts. 1 *mf* Solo

2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 *mp*

2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

molto rall.**Tempo primo** ♩ = 144

Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

molto rall.

Tempo primo ♩ = 144

Tutti

a2

mp

mp

mp

p

mf

mp

(w/medium-hard mallets)

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Fls./ Picc. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

f *mf* *f* *mf* *mf* *mf*

a2 *a2*

Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *cresc.* **rall.**

Ob. *cresc.*

Bsn. *cresc.*

Cls. 1 2 3 *cresc.*

B. Cl. *cresc.*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *cresc.*

T. Sax. *cresc.*

Bar. Sax. *cresc.* **rall.**

Tpts. 1 2 3 *cresc.*

Hns. 1 2 *cresc.*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *cresc.*

Euph. *cresc.*

Tuba *cresc.*

Bells *cresc.*

Perc. 1 *cresc.* (w/stick) (w/mallets)

Perc. 2

Timp.

Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *ff*

Ob. *ff*

Bsn. *ff*

Cls. 1 2 3 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *ff*

T. Sax. *ff*

Bar. Sax. *ff*

130 Grandioso ♩ = 92 (Opt.)

Tpts. 1 2 3 *ff*

Hns. 1 2 *ff*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Bells *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff*

Timp. *ff*

mf *ff* *mf*

Fls./ Picc. 1 2 *f* *ff* *rall.*

Ob. *f* *ff*

Bsn. *f*

Cls. 1 2 3 *f* *ff*

B. Cl. *f*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *f*

T. Sax. *f*

Bar. Sax. *f*

Tpts. 1 2 3 *f* *rall.*

Hns. 1 2 *f*

Tbns. 1 2 3 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

Bells *ff*

Perc. 1 *fp*

Perc. 2 *ff* *mf*

Timp. *f*

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