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## Sleddin' Hill

### David Shaffer

#### Instrumentation

Conductor Score.....	1
Flute.....	10
Oboe.....	2
1st B♭ Clarinet .....	6
2nd B♭ Clarinet.....	6
B♭ Bass Clarinet.....	2
Bassoon.....	2
E♭ Alto Saxophone.....	8
B♭ Tenor Saxophone.....	2
E♭ Baritone Saxophone.....	2
1st B♭ Trumpet.....	5
2nd B♭ Trumpet.....	5
F Horn.....	4
Trombone.....	6
Baritone BC.....	2
Baritone TC.....	2
Tuba.....	4
Xylophone.....	4
Timpani.....	1
Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum .....	3
Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbals, Sleigh Bells ..	3
Percussion 3: Whip, Cowbell, Tambourine.....	3
Piano/Keyboard (optional) .....	1

#### Program Notes

Who doesn't remember the thrill of a sled ride on a snowy day down the longest and steepest hill? Time to get your warmest jacket on and tie your boots tight for a trip down **Sleddin' Hill!** The introduction starts us down the perilous journey leading us into a playful melody in the trumpets. As the sled picks up speed we add wood-winds and clever percussion sound effects. The ever-increasing tempo reflects the downward momentum of the sled and rider culminating in an exhilarating final moment when the sled finally comes to an abrupt stop. Everyone will enjoy this trip down **Sleddin' Hill.**

#### Notes to the Conductor

A starting "lively" tempo should be observed, but not too fast, as the ending of the piece will reflect an increase in the forward momentum of the sled via tempo changes. There are lots of percussion sound effects generated throughout the piece. Feel free to exaggerate these effects. The trombones have glissandos written in measures 40, 48 and 49. Once again emphasize these effects. As the sled continues down our musical hill, tempo will steadily increase, beginning at m. 33 and again at m. 52. These tempo changes should be immediate rather than gradual. The final tempo change should start at m. 66 and steadily increase through the end of the piece.

I hope you and your students enjoy performing this trip down **Sleddin' Hill.**

*Dad Shaffer*

#### About the Composer

David Shaffer was born in Columbus, Ohio and attended Grove City High School. He holds a Bachelor Degree from The Ohio State University and a Master of Music Degree from Miami University (Ohio). Mr. Shaffer has taught in the Ohio schools of Hamilton, Northridge, and Wyoming. Mr. Shaffer has been associated with the Miami University Marching Band for 31 years as Graduate Assistant Director (1978-80), Assistant Director (1980-97) and Director (1997 to date.) Under his direction, the Miami Band has performed twice at the University of Michigan, West Virginia University and the University of Cincinnati. In 2000 and 2005, the Miami Band performed a combined half-time show with The Ohio State University Marching Band. The Miami Band has performed for seven regional Bands of America Contests and annually hosts these events at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. In 2003 the Miami Band performed as the "Santa Band" in the 77th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.



In addition to his involvement with the Miami University Marching Band, Mr. Shaffer has over 350 compositions and arrangements in print. His compositions have been used at clinics and music festivals around the world and have been placed on contest required-performance lists in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, and Asia. Mr. Shaffer has been the recipient of the ASCAP Standard Award in Music Composition for 18 years.

Under the direction of Mr. Shaffer, the Wyoming High School String Orchestra performed as the opening group at the 1984 Midwest National Band and Orchestra Director's Clinic in Chicago. Additional Midwest conducting appearances were in 2000 and 2001 when Mr. Shaffer guest conducted his compositions with the Robinson School Band, Fairfax, Va., and the South Central Middle School Band, Carterville, Ga. In November 2007, Mr. Shaffer was invited to conduct his composition **Purple Heart** with the Air Force Band of Flight, Dayton, Ohio, in honor of former band member Michael Ciufuentes, who was killed in Iraq in August, 2005.

Mr. Shaffer is in demand as a conductor for new music reading clinics, music festivals, and music education seminars. During the summer of 1986 and 1992, he served as instrumental director for the Saskatchewan School of Fine Arts. In February of 1997 he conducted a program of his music, with the China Youth Corps Band in the National Concert Hall, Taipei, Taiwan. Mr. Shaffer is a past adjudicator for Drum Corps International and Drum Corps Midwest and has judged championship events for both organizations.

His professional affiliations include; Phi Mu Alpha, Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Beta Mu, Music Educators National Convention, Ohio Music Education Association, Drum Corps MidWest & International Judges Guild, and American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

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# SLEDDIN' HILL

**Conductor Score**  
024-4453-00

**David Shaffer**  
(ASCAP)

Lively  $\text{♩} = 136$

5

Flute

Oboe

1st B♭ Clarinet

2nd B♭ Clarinet

B♭ Bass Clarinet

Bassoon

E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

1st B♭ Trumpet

2nd B♭ Trumpet

F Horn

Trombone

Baritone

Tuba

Xylophone

Timpani

Percussion 1  
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

Percussion 2  
(Crash Cymbals,  
Suspended Cymbals,  
Sleigh Bells)

Percussion 3  
(Whip, Cowbell,  
Tamourine)

Piano/Keyboard  
(optional)

**Lively**

**5**

**For Reference Only**

2

3

4

5

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

sfz > mf

p > Whip sfz > mp

sfz > mf

sfz > mf

sfz > mf

13

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

*Not valid for performance.*

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

div.

*Not valid for performance.*

16                    17                    18                    19                    20

21

Flute      *mf*

Oboe      *mf*

1st Clar.      *mf*

2nd Clar.      *mf*

B. Clar.      -      *f*

Bsn.      -      *f*

A. Sax.      *mf*

T. Sax.      *mf*

B. Sax.      -      *f*

1st Trpt.      *mp*

2nd Trpt.      *mp*

Horn      -      *f*

Trom.      -      *f*

Bar.      -      *f*

Tuba      -      *f*

Mlt.      *mp*

Timp.      -      *f*

Perc. 1      -      *sforzando*

Sleigh Bells

Perc. 2      *mf*

Perc. 3      -

Pno.      *mf*

29

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

**[33] Faster**  $\text{♩} = 140$

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Tamb.

Pno.

**[33] Faster**

*Not valid for Performance*

41

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

43      44      45      46      47      48

52 Still Faster  $\text{♩} = 144$ 

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

## 52 Still Faster

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

54      55      56      57      58      59

60

Flute      f

Oboe      f

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.      fp

A. Sax.      >

T. Sax.      >

B. Sax.      fp

1st Trpt.      >

2nd Trpt.

Horn      >

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba      f

Mlt.      fp

Timp.      fp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.      f

66

accel.

Flute

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Clar.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

Horn

Trom.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Pno.

This page of musical notation is for an orchestra and piano. It consists of two systems of music, each with eight measures. The instrumentation includes Flute, Oboe, 1st Clarinet, 2nd Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, 1st Trombone, 2nd Trombone, Horn, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Mallet Percussion, Timpani, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3, and Piano. The key signature is one flat, and the time signature is common time. Measure 66 starts with a dynamic ff. Measures 67 through 71 show various rhythmic patterns and dynamics, including sfz (softissimo) and v (fortissimo). Measure 71 concludes with a dynamic ff and ends with a whip sound indicated by a 'W' and an 'X' on the piano staff.