

The Veil Between

for concert band

(2019)

*Commissioned by George Junior High School Band, Chris Moore & Ashley Deane, Directors
Springdale, Arkansas*

Drew Morris

For Sample Score
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Instrumentation

Flute
Oboe
Bassoon
Clarinet in B-flat (2)
Bass Clarinet in B-flat
Alto Saxophone
Tenor Saxophone
Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet in B-flat (2)
Horn in F
Trombone
Euphonium
Tuba

Timpani (4)
Snare Drum
Bass Drum
Maracas
Gong, Suspended Cymbal, Vibraphone
Toms (2)
Glockenspiel
Vibraphone
Marimba
Optional Floor Tom

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*This piece was originally composed for 5 percussionists but I had the opportunity to create several more parts.
I feel the piece works better with a lot of percussionists, but can be done with as few as 5 if necessary.

Those original 5 parts, which in my opinion are the most important, are:

Timpani

Alternate Reduced Instrumentation Percussion 1 (*requires 2 players*)

Alternate Reduced Instrumentation Percussion 4
and **Vibraphone**

For the sake of keeping the score as efficient as possible, these parts are not included in the standard score.

The Alternate Percussion 1 is the standard Percussion 1 part with some additional accessory percussion where possible.
The Alternate Percussion 4 is the standard Percussion 4 part with additional maracas and suspended cymbal in many spots.

The Vibraphone and Timpani parts are unchanged from the standard parts.

If you opt for this route, please feel free to add anything else from the other
percussion parts that you feel your performers can handle!

When Chris Moore and Ashley Baty asked me to write a piece for their band, it was early in my "full-time composing" career. I don't recall where the initial idea for the musical themes came from. All I remember was that the original idea was something technology oriented. I think it might have been artificial intelligence. That idea was eventually abandoned when I started toying around with the persistent quarter note pulse and harmonic ideas that happen throughout the piece.

This was one of those pieces where the music came before the title. I was having a hard time trying to come up with a title, so Chris and Ashley suggested that I let the students listen to the music and pitch me some ideas. Shortly after that, they told me that they thought the piece had a really spooky vibe. Until that point, I had never thought of the piece as spooky, but when I went back to listen to it again I realized they were exactly right. I could practically see skeletons crawling out of graves and shambling across a graveyard.

While sitting in their office discussing titles the students had suggested, Ashley mentioned one that she had thought of which ended up fitting so wonderfully that I had to pick it. I felt that "The Veil Between" was a fantastic title for the piece because of how ominous it sounded. It fit the beginning of the piece perfectly, and it also allowed the listener to use their imagination to decide what The Veil represented to them. It could be a veil between worlds, between realities, or between life and death, which seems to be the most common idea.

After selecting "The Veil Between" as the title, I couldn't believe that the title hadn't come first, considering how well it ended up fitting the piece as a whole.

Feel free to use your imagination and decide what "The Veil Between" represents to you.

-Drew Morris
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(ASCAP)

J=70

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon B. CL. *p*

Clarinet in B \flat 1 *mp* *pp*

Clarinet in B \flat 2 *mp* *pp*

Bass Clarinet in B \flat *p*

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone *p*

Baritone Saxophone *p*

Trumpet in B \flat 1

Trumpet in B \flat 2

Horn in F

Euphonium

Trombone *p*

Euphonium *p*

Tuba *p*

Small note in parenthesis preferred if possible.

Timpani G-A-B-C-D *mp* *pp*

Percussion 1 Marimba (shared)
Snare Drum
Bowed Cymbal

Percussion 2 Bass Drum *mf*

Percussion 3 Maracas
Gong

Percussion 4 Suspended Cymbal
Chimes
Marimba (shared)
Concert Toms (2) (shared)
Bowed Gong

Percussion 5 Concert Toms (2)
Marimba (shared)
Vibraphone

Glockenspiel
Chimes
Floor Tom

Vibraphone

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2 3 4 *mp* 5 6 7 8

2

9 rit.

17 Double Speed. =140

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*
Play

Bsn. *mf*

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl. *mf*

Alto Sax. *mf*

Ten. Sax. *mf*

Bari. Sax. *mf*
Play

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. *mf*
Play

Tbn. *mf*
Play

Euph. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

Timp. Stick click *mf*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Stick click *mf*

Perc. 3 Gong Scrape *mf*

Perc. 4 Toms or Congas *mf*

Perc. 5 Stick click *mf*

Glock. Floor Tom *mf*

Vib. Stick click *mp*

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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Suspended Cymbal
Yarn Mallets

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Glock.

Vib.

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

Clarinet 1

Clarinet 2

Bass Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Horn

Trombone

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

Percussion 3

Percussion 4

Percussion 5

Glockenspiel

Vibraphone

Snare Drum

pp

f

f

Maracas

ff

Let ring

ff

f

p

f

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Glock.

Vib.

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37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

45

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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Glock.

Vib.

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Bow Cymbal*
If a bow is unavailable, try substituting a rubber ball mallet (Super Ball Mallet, or Friction Mallet) on a floor tom or other large metallic surface.

Bow Gong*
If a bow is unavailable, try substituting a rubber ball mallet on the gong.

Bow cymbal while still vibrating from previous bowing to bring out the overtones

let ring

let ring

61

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Glock.

Vib.

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54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

let ring

Snare Drum

mp

f

Perc. 2

mp

f

Gong

Perc. 3

Suspended Cymbal Yarn Mallets

f

Let ring

Perc. 4

Concert Toms

f

Chimes

Perc. 5

mp

f

Glockenspiel

Vib.

ff

ff

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9

77

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73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

10

FL. Ob. Bsn. *fp* f ff

Cl. 1 Cl. 2 B. Cl. *fp* f ff

Alto Sax. Ten. Sax. Bari. Sax. *fp* f ff

Tpt. 1 Tpt. 2 Hn. Tbn. *fp* f ff

Euph. Tba. *fp* f ff

Timp. *ff*

Perc. 1 *p* < *f* ff

Perc. 2 ff

Perc. 3 Gong ff

Perc. 4 Chimes ff

Perc. 5 ff

Glock. *f* ff

Vib. ff

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81 82 83 84 85 86 f 87 88 ff 89