

Grade 1
ZB477F
Full Conductor Score
\$7.00

Don't Poke the Bear

by Dean Sorenson



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Welcome to **Kjos FlexJazz**. This innovative new jazz series lets you create a jazz ensemble using any combination of instruments that are available. **FlexJazz** pieces are scored at the easiest levels and allow for maximum flexibility of instrumentation and instrument assignments.

FlexJazz scores include four parts, plus parts for the rhythm section. Each of the four parts can be assigned to whatever instrumentation is available. As long as all four parts are covered, regardless of the instrumentation used, these pieces will sound full and complete.

PART AVAILABLE FOR...

One	Trumpet, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Flute, Mallet Percussion
Two	Trumpet, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax
Three	Tenor Sax, Baritone T.C., Trombone, F Horn
Four	Baritone Sax, Trombone
	*Tuba has a separate part that can be added to any combination
Guitar	
Piano	
Bass	
Drums	

INSTRUMENTATION LIST

1 – Alto Sax (part 1)	1 – Clarinet (part 2)	1 – Tuba*
1 – Alto Sax (part 2)	1 – Trumpet (part 1)	1 – Guitar
1 – Tenor Sax (part 2)	1 – Trumpet (part 2)	1 – Piano
1 – Tenor Sax (part 3)	1 – Trombone (part 3)	1 – Bass
1 – Baritone Sax (part 4)	1 – Trombone (part 4)	1 – Drums
1 – Flute (part 1)	1 – Baritone T.C. (part 3)	1 – Mallet Percussion (part 1)
1 – Clarinet (part 1)	1 – F Horn (part 3)	1 – Full Conductor Score



THE COMPOSER

Dean Sorenson is Associate Professor and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Minnesota, as well as a prolific and highly sought-after composer, arranger, trombonist, educator, and clinician. He is frequently featured at festivals and conventions around the United States and abroad. He also maintains a full schedule of concert and recording dates as a Yamaha performing artist.

Dean's latest recording project is *Colors of the Soul*, a CD of original music for jazz sextet. His most recent books include the *Excellence in Jazz Pedagogy* series and *First Place for Jazz*, a new and innovative method for beginning jazz players. He is the co-author of the *Standard of Excellence Jazz Ensemble Method* and *Advanced Jazz Ensemble Method*, a groundbreaking comprehensive series for middle school and high school jazz ensembles. He is also the author of *Jazz Combo Session* and *First Jazz Performance*—both under the *Standard of Excellence* banner.

Mr. Sorenson has composed and arranged for numerous prominent ensembles, including the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the Airmen of Note, and the Minnesota Orchestra. He is active as a commissioned composer and arranger for jazz ensemble, symphony orchestra, concert band, and chamber ensembles, and has also written several sacred choral pieces. For more information, please visit www.deansorensonmusic.com.

THE COMPOSITION

Composers are always quick to give advice, and *Don't Poke the Bear* is wise counsel in nearly all social and professional situations. You're welcome! :)

The driving rock feel of this chart should pulse through the entire ensemble. The rhythm section moves to a half time feel at bar 25. Strong snare hits on beat 3 of each measure (as opposed to beats 2 and 4 in other parts of the chart) are key to making this change in feel apparent.

Rock tunes tend to be rather “mono-dynamic,” but the forte-piano-crescendo figures are good opportunities to create some dynamic contrast. Additionally, start the unison at bar 49 soft enough to allow plenty of room for the crescendo in bar 66. Make the dynamic at bar 83 an extreme *solo piano*; challenge the rhythm section to play as soft as they can while maintaining the groove’s energy. A big crescendo into the final bar provides the icing on the cake.

IMPROVISING SOLOS ON DON'T POKE THE BEAR

All FlexJazz series tunes allow players to improvise using a single scale. The solo section for *Don't Poke the Bear* is found in bars 41–48. Students can improvise a solo using only the notes of the concert G Aeolian scale. Any instrument can solo, and the solo section can be repeated as many times as necessary. Backgrounds can be cued at any time. For soloists who wish not to improvise, there is a suggested solo provided in all of the parts.

G AEOLIAN

GUITAR, PIANO, FLUTE (8VA), VIBES: G AEOLIAN

CONCERT TREBLE

CONCERT BASS

TROMBONE, BASS, TUBA (8VB): G AEOLIAN

E♭ INSTRUMENTS

ALTO AND BARITONE SAXOPHONES: E AEOLIAN (CONCERT G AEOLIAN)

B♭ INSTRUMENTS

TRUMPET, TENOR SAXOPHONE, CLARINET, BARITONE T.C.: A AEOLIAN (CONCERT G AEOLIAN)

F INSTRUMENTS

F HORN: D AEOLIAN (CONCERT G AEOLIAN)

A large diagonal watermark reading "SAMPLE" is overlaid across the musical staves.

DON'T POKE THE BEAR

FULL CONDUCTOR SCORE
APPROX. PERFORMANCE TIME - 2:45

DEAN SORENSEN

Driving Rock $\text{d} = 152$

PART 1: TRUMPET CLARINET, ALTO SAX, FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

PART 2: TRUMPET CLARINET, ALTO SAX, TENOR SAX

PART 3: TROMBONE, F HORN

PART 4: BARITONE SAX, TROMBONE, TUBA

DRUMS: H.H. (CLOSED), FILL

GUITAR: Driving Rock $\text{d} = 152$

PIANO: SIMILE

BASS: SIMILE

DRUMS: FILL

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TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(9)

D7($\#$ s) Gm7

D7($\#$ s) Gm7

D7($\#$ s) Gm7

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SAMPLE

13 14 15 16 17 18

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(17)

Gm17

Gm17

Gm17

19 20 21 22 23 24

TRUMPET CLARINET ALTO SAX FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS TRUMPET CLARINET ALTO SAX TENOR SAX TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C. TROMBONE F HORN BARITONE SAX TROMBONE TUBA GUITAR PIANO BASS DRUMS

(25)

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

(25)

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

26 27 28 29 30

HALF TIME FEEL

(4)

(33)

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

A_mi7(b5) D7(#5) G_mi7

A_mi7(b5) D7(#5) G_mi7

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(33)

(41) OPEN FOR SOLOS

Gm7

Solo

37 - 38 - 39 - 40 - 41 - 42

BACKGROUNDS ON CUE

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(41) OPEN FOR SOLOS

D7(5)

Gm7

D7(5)

Gm7

D7(5)

Gm7

SOLO | 43 D7($\#5$) 44 Gm7 45 46 47 D7($\#5$) 48

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(49)

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

(49)

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

H.H. (CLOSED)

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(57)

55 56 57 58 59 60

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(SOLI w/ HORNS)

(SOLI w/ HORNS)

(SOLI w/ HORNS)

(8)

(6)

61

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(67)

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

(67)

GUITAR Gm7

PIANO Gm7

BASS Gm7

DRUMS

(75)

TRUMPET
CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA)
MALLETS

TRUMPET
CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX
BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(75)

Gm17

Gm17

Gm17

79 80 81 82 83 84

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA) MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(83)

p SUBITO

p SUBITO

p SUBITO

p SUBITO H.H. (CLOSED)

85 86 87 88 89 90 91

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

FLUTE (8VA)
MALLETS

TRUMPET CLARINET

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX

TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C.

TROMBONE

F HORN

BARITONE SAX

TROMBONE

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

(FILL)

(FILL)

SUGGESTED SOLO

41 OPEN FOR SOLOS

45 E_{mi7}

46 A_{mi7}

47

48 B₇₍₅₎

E₇₍₅₎

B₇₍₅₎

G_{mi7}

D₇₍₅₎

A_{mi7}

E₇₍₅₎

A_{mi7}

D₇₍₅₎

D_{mi7}

A₇₍₅₎

G_{mi7}

D₇₍₅₎

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G_{mi7}

D₇₍₅₎

D_{mi7}

A₇₍₅₎

G_{mi7}

D₇₍₅₎

G_{mi7}

D₇₍₅₎

G_{mi7}

D₇₍₅₎

Mallet
PERCUSSION

