

**Grade 2**  
**ZB499F**  
**Full Conductor Score**

# **Big Little City**

**by Dean Sorenson**

**First Place for Jazz - Charts**





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## THE COMPOSER

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## NOTES FROM THE COMPOSER

*Big Little City* is a minor blues composed during a visit to Reno, Nevada—known as THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD. These words first appeared in 1929, emblazoned on the iconic Reno Arch—a familiar feature of downtown Reno.

There is a good deal of unison texture throughout this arrangement; I wanted to focus on the melodic line, and unison writing is the best way to do that. The melody begins in the brass at bar 9, is passed to the woodwinds at bar 12, and returns to the brass at bar 15. The repeat of the melody at bar 21 features counterpoint between the brass and woodwinds.

Bars 57–64 feature another woodwind/brass unison line, this time accompanied only by a hi-hat. Everyone should listen carefully to keep the time consistent. The drums play a big fill toward the end of this section; a steady pulse is critical.

Remind students to follow the dynamics carefully throughout the chart. Most of the lines are *mf*, with the occasional *f* near the end of a particular section. The shout chorus at bar 81 is the only time the ensemble plays *ff*.

All charts in the *First Place for Jazz* series feature flexible instrumentation. They can be performed by the full jazz ensemble, or will sound full and complete with as few as nine players: Alto Saxes 1 and 2, Tenor Sax 1, Trumpets 1 and 2, Trombone 1, Piano, Bass, and Drums. Parts are also included for: Flute, Clarinet, F Horn, Tuba, and Baritone T.C.

## INSTRUMENTATION LIST

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

## IMPROVISING SOLOS ON BIG LITTLE CITY

Improvisation is the essence of the jazz experience and students should be encouraged to improvise solos. *Big Little City* includes two separate solo sections. Solos for brass begin at bar 38 and bars 45–56 are open for brass solos. There is a two bar solo break in bars 67–68, and bars 69–80 are open for woodwind solos. Rhythm section solos can be added to either solo section.

Students can improvise a solo using only the notes of the concert D Aeolian scale. For soloists who wish not to improvise, there are suggested solos provided. Remember that both the suggested solo and the scale are mere starting points for you. Any instrument can solo, and the solo section can be repeated as many times as necessary. Backgrounds can be cued at any time.

### D Aeolian Scale

GUITAR, PIANO, FLUTE (3VA), VIBES: D Aeolian  
 CONCERT TREBLE

TROMBONE, BASS, TUBA (3VB): D Aeolian  
 CONCERT BASS

ALTO AND BARITONE SAXOPHONES: B Aeolian (CONCERT D Aeolian)  
 Eb INSTRUMENTS

TRUMPET, TENOR SAXOPHONE, CLARINET, BARITONE T.C.: E Aeolian (CONCERT D Aeolian)  
 Bb INSTRUMENTS

F HORN: A Aeolian (CONCERT D Aeolian)  
 F INSTRUMENTS

# BIG LITTLE CITY

FULL CONDUCTOR SCORE  
APPROX. PERFORMANCE TIME - 4:10

DEAN SORENSON

MEDIUM SWING ♩ = 132

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. It includes staves for Alto Sax 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet 1-4, Trombone 1-4, F Horn, Tuba, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums (with Ride Cymbal), and Voices. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the center of the page.

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Musical score for Big Little City, page 6. The score includes parts for Alto Sax 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet 1-4, Trombone 1-4, F Horn, Tuba, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, and Vibes. Measures 13-18 are shown. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid on the score.

19 21 20 22 23 24

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

21

QUARTER

B♭MA7 E♭MA7 DMI7 (4)

PIANO

BASS

B♭MA7 E♭MA7 DMI7

DRUMS

(10) (4)

VIBES

Musical score for Big Little City, page 8. The score includes parts for Alto Sax 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet 1-4, Trombone 1-4, F Horn, Tuba, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, and Vibes. The score is marked with measures 25 through 30. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid on the page.



### BRASS SOLO BEGINS

Musical score for measures 37-42. Instruments include SOLO, ALTO SAX 1, ALTO SAX 2, TENOR SAX 1, TENOR SAX 2, BARITONE SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET, TRUMPET 1-4, TROMBONE 1-4, F HORN, and TUBA. Chord changes are indicated above the staves.

Measures 37-42 Chord Progression:

| Measure | Chord     |
|---------|-----------|
| 37      | E mi7(b9) |
| 38      | A7(b9)    |
| 39      | D mi7     |
| 40      | E b ma7   |
| 41      | E mi7(b9) |
| 42      | A7(#9)    |

### BRASS SOLO BEGINS

Musical score for measures 43-48. Instruments include GUITAR, PIANO, BASS, DRUMS, and VIBES. Chord changes are indicated above the staves.

Measures 43-48 Chord Progression:

| Measure | Chord     |
|---------|-----------|
| 43      | G mi7     |
| 44      | E mi7(b9) |
| 45      | A7(b9)    |
| 46      | D mi7     |
| 47      | E b ma7   |
| 48      | E mi7(b9) |
| 49      | A7(#9)    |



49 Gmi7 50 51 Dmi7 52 Ebmi7 53 Emi7(b9) 54 A7(b9)

SOLO

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1 A mi7 E mi7 F mi7 F# mi7(b9) B7(b9)

TRUMPET 2 A mi7 E mi7 F mi7 F# mi7(b9) B7(b9)

TRUMPET 3 A mi7 E mi7 F mi7 F# mi7(b9) B7(b9)

TRUMPET 4 A mi7 E mi7 F mi7 F# mi7(b9) B7(b9)

TROMBONE 1 G mi7 D mi7 Eb mi7 E mi7(b9) A7(b9)

TROMBONE 2 G mi7 D mi7 Eb mi7 E mi7(b9) A7(b9)

TROMBONE 3 G mi7 D mi7 Eb mi7 E mi7(b9) A7(b9)

TROMBONE 4 G mi7 D mi7 Eb mi7 E mi7(b9) A7(b9)

F HORN D mi7 A mi7 B mi7 B mi7(b9) E7(b9)

TUBA G mi7 D mi7 Eb mi7 E mi7(b9) A7(b9)

GUITAR G mi7 D mi7 Eb mi7 E mi7(b9) A7(b9)

PIANO G mi7 D mi7 Eb mi7 E mi7(b9) A7(b9)

BASS G mi7 D mi7 Eb mi7 E mi7(b9) A7(b9)

DRUMS SAX B.G. (ON CUE) (S)

VIBES

55 **57** 58 59 60

SOLO

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

57

GIUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

57 (HH ONLY) 6

VIOLAS

61 62 63 64 65 66

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

(FILL)



74 SOLO

75 Dmi7

76 Ebma7

77 Emi7(b9)

78 A7(b9)

79 Bbma7

80 Ebma7

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

Chord changes: Bmi7, Cma7, C#mi7(b9), F#7(b9), Gma7, Cma7, Dmi7, Ebma7, Emi7(b9), A7(b9), Bbma7, Ebma7, Dmi7, Ebma7, Emi7(b9), A7(b9), Bbma7, Ebma7.



87 88 89 90 91 92

ALTO SAX 1  
ALTO SAX 2  
TENOR SAX 1  
TENOR SAX 2  
BARITONE SAX  
FLUTE  
CLARINET  
TRUMPET 1  
TRUMPET 2  
TRUMPET 3  
TRUMPET 4  
TROMBONE 1  
TROMBONE 2  
TROMBONE 3  
TROMBONE 4  
F HORN  
TUBA  
GUITAR  
PIANO  
BASS  
DRUMS  
VIBES

Dmi7 Ebm7 Em7(b9) A7(b9) Bbm7 Ebm7

93

ALTO SAX 1  
ALTO SAX 2  
TENOR SAX 1  
TENOR SAX 2  
BARITONE SAX  
FLUTE  
CLARINET  
TRUMPET 1  
TRUMPET 2  
TRUMPET 3  
TRUMPET 4  
TROMBONE 1  
TROMBONE 2  
TROMBONE 3  
TROMBONE 4  
F HORN  
TUBA  
93  
GUITAR  
PIANO  
BASS  
DRUMS  
VIBES

94 95 96 97 98

Dm7 Gm7

93

99 100 101 102 103 104 **105**

ALTO SAX 1

ALTO SAX 2

TENOR SAX 1

TENOR SAX 2

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET 1

TRUMPET 2

TRUMPET 3

TRUMPET 4

TROMBONE 1

TROMBONE 2

TROMBONE 3

TROMBONE 4

F HORN

TUBA

GI7AR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

**105**

Dm7 Ebm7 Em7(b9) A7(b9) Bbm7 Ebm7

(3) (12) RIDE CYMBAL

106 107 108 109 110 111 112

ALTO SAX 1  
ALTO SAX 2  
TENOR SAX 1  
TENOR SAX 2  
BARITONE SAX  
FLUTE  
CLARINET  
TRUMPET 1  
TRUMPET 2  
TRUMPET 3  
TRUMPET 4  
TROMBONE 1  
TROMBONE 2  
TROMBONE 3  
TROMBONE 4  
F HORN  
TUBA  
GUITAR  
PIANO  
BASS  
DRUMS  
VIBES

Chord markings:  $m^2$ ,  $Dm7$ ,  $Ebm7$

Drum marking: (6)

# SUGGESTED SOLO

**38** BRASS SOLO BEGINS

Musical staves for ALTO SAX, TENOR SAX BARITONE T.C., and BARITONE SAX (measures 39-43).  
Musical staves for FLUTE and CLARINET (measures 39-43).

Musical staves for TRUMPET and TROMBONE (measures 39-43).  
Musical staves for F HORN and TUBA (measures 39-43).

**38** BRASS SOLO BEGINS

Musical staves for GUITAR, PIANO, and BASS (measures 39-43).  
Musical staves for DRUMS and VIBES (measures 39-43).

**45** BRASS SOLOS CONTINUE

44 46 47 48 49 50

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX  
BARITONE T.C.

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET

TROMBONE

F HORN

TUBA

**45** BRASS SOLOS CONTINUE

GIUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

57

Musical score for Big Little City, page 24. The score includes parts for Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone T.C., Baritone Sax, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, F Horn, Tuba, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, and Vibes. The score is divided into measures 51 through 56, with a double bar line and repeat sign at the end of measure 56. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid on the score.

Measures 51-56 are marked with measure numbers 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score includes various chord notations such as E<sub>mi</sub>7, F<sub>ma</sub>7, F#<sub>mi</sub>7(b9), B7(b9), C<sub>ma</sub>7, F<sub>ma</sub>7, D<sub>mi</sub>7, E<sub>b</sub>ma7, E<sub>mi</sub>7(b9), A7(b9), B<sub>b</sub>ma7, E<sub>b</sub>ma7, A<sub>mi</sub>7, B<sub>b</sub>ma7, B<sub>mi</sub>7(b9), E7(b9), F<sub>ma</sub>7, B<sub>b</sub>ma7, D<sub>mi</sub>7, E<sub>b</sub>ma7, E<sub>mi</sub>7(b9), A7(b9), B<sub>b</sub>ma7, E<sub>b</sub>ma7, D<sub>mi</sub>7, E<sub>b</sub>ma7, E<sub>mi</sub>7(b9), A7(b9), B<sub>b</sub>ma7, E<sub>b</sub>ma7, and D<sub>mi</sub>7, E<sub>b</sub>ma7, E<sub>mi</sub>7(b9), A7(b9), B<sub>b</sub>ma7, E<sub>b</sub>ma7.

WOODWIND SOLO BREAK

69 WOODWIND SOLOS CONTINUE

Musical score for woodwind instruments. The score is divided into two systems. The first system includes parts for Alto Sax, Tenor Sax Baritone T.C., Baritone Sax, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, F Horn, and Tuba. The second system includes parts for Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, and Vibes. The woodwind parts feature melodic lines with various chordal accompaniment. Chords are labeled as Bmi7, Emi7, Dmi7, and Gmi7. Measure numbers 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, and 73 are indicated. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid on the page.

WOODWIND SOLO BREAK

69 WOODWIND SOLOS CONTINUE

Musical score for rhythm section instruments. The score is divided into two systems. The first system includes parts for Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, and Vibes. The second system includes parts for Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, and Vibes. The rhythm section parts feature accompaniment for the woodwind solo break. Chords are labeled as Dmi7 and Gmi7. Measure numbers 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, and 73 are indicated. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid on the page.

74 75 76 77 78 79 80

ALTO SAX

TENOR SAX  
BARITONE T.C.

BARITONE SAX

FLUTE

CLARINET

TRUMPET

TROMBONE

F HORN

TUBA

GIUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

VIBES

Chord changes: Bmi7, Cma7, C#mi7(b5), F#7(b9), Gma7, Cma7, Emi7, Fma7, F#mi7(b5), B7(b9), Cma7, Fma7, Dmi7, Ebma7, Emi7(b5), A7(b9), Bbma7, Ebma7.

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