KENDOR PLAYGROUND STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

Beyond The Thunder

GRADE 1 • DURATION 2:20

by Deborah Baker Monday

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Full Score
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 3 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 Bass
- Piano (opt.)

EXTRA SCORES & PARTS AVAILABLE

To The Director

This dramatic original work in the key of E natural minor is playable by students in their first year and includes simple rhythms utilizing the whole, half, quarter and eighth note values.

Opening with a pulsing rhythmic pattern in the low strings, it creates a mood of suspense. Violas and violins enter softly and build in intensity to measure 13 where the first melodic theme is stated by the 1st Violins and moves like a duet with the cello/bass line. This melody is played legato and soars over the pulsing eighth notes in the 2nd Violin and Viola. A brief contrasting section begins at measure 44 where the tempo slows and the cello/bass switch to pizzicato. The ties over the bar line will require some solid counting, but the pizzicato will provide the "metronome."

The music will paint a picture, and will tell a story that can be interpreted differently for each group of students. Encourage this process by possibly using it as a writing assignment.

A recording of this piece can be downloaded at www.kendormusic.com.

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