

Grade

3

MUSIC for Concert Band

CPS234F

Chasing Mercury

Travis J. Weller

INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	1
Flute 1	4
Flute 2	4
Oboe	2
Clarinet 1 in B♭	4
Clarinet 2 in B♭	4
Clarinet 3 in B♭	4
Bass Clarinet in B♭	2
Bassoon	2
Alto Saxophone in E♭	4
Tenor Saxophone in B♭	2
Baritone Saxophone in E♭	2
Trumpet 1 in B♭	4
Trumpet 2 in B♭	4
Trumpet 3 in B♭	4
Horn in F	4
Trombone 1	3
Trombone 2	3
Euphonium	3
Euphonium T.C. in B♭	2
Tuba	4
Mallet Percussion	3
Bells, Chimes, Vibraphone	
Timpani	1
Percussion 1	2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2	2
Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals	
Percussion 3	3
Triangle, Tambourine, Temple Blocks	



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Performance Notes

Mercury – the Roman god of financial gain, commerce, travelers, boundaries, luck, trickery, merchants, and thieves. A popular deity in Roman culture, he was instantly recognized by his unique winged shoes (*talaria*) and hat (*petasos*). With its close proximity to the sun and faster orbit than all other planets, the Romans named this small celestial body after the swift-winged messenger of their culture. It is not surprising that in Holst's major orchestral suite *The Planets* that Mercury utilizes such light and swift themes.

There is some duality to the title of the work. Part of it involves my impression of what a playful chase of the winged messenger sounds like. The other part is the opening motif chasing two themes of Holst around the rest of the work. It was only after developing the first few ideas that I recognized some of the commonalities with some of those same themes from Holst's orchestral work. There are several quotations from that famous piece by Holst (notably as both are stated successively at mm. 13–20). The idea of someone having to chase the Winged Messenger struck me as a unique title around which to craft a work.

One of my core beliefs about music is that it can be imbued with meaning by a composer, and as the sonic story unfolds an ensemble, director, and audience members can draw out their own meaning from the experience. Who exactly is chasing Mercury? I leave that up to the wonderfully creative minds of the young ladies and gentlemen who have the opportunity to bring this work to life. The opportunity to compose music and allow student musicians to give this piece new life and draw out different meanings is a humbling experience.

Rehearsal Notes and Suggestions

As stated earlier, the opening motif (a range of a seventh) comes back frequently in the work in a variety of settings and textures. Throughout the work, it is important for students to recognize the two themes from Holst when they are present in the sound canvas. If the solos (clarinet and alto saxophone) are utilized, the supporting parts around and underneath those lines must be sensitive and play in such a way to properly balance those parts. There are number of muted sections for the trumpet section, and I would advocate for all trumpets acquiring the same mute to contribute to unity in timbre. The bold fanfare sections (the first occurs at m. 37) must be presented with a unified articulation style. As the texture intensifies prior to m. 169, it is crucial for the ensemble to play within themselves and exercise musical courtesy to allow all voices to be heard as they arrive at m. 181. My thanks in advance for your support of this music, and I wish you well as you and your ensemble begin *Chasing Mercury*!

About the Composer

Travis J. Weller is an active arranger, composer, educator and advocate of music education. He is currently serving as the Director of Music Education at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA. His duties at Messiah as an Assistant Professor of Music include supervising instrumental music education students, teaching methods courses, working with graduate conducting students and conducting the Symphonic Winds. He holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from Kent State University, Travis is a member of Phi Beta Mu (Nu Chapter), ASCAP, and the National Band Association. He is currently serving as the Public Relations Chairperson for the Phi Beta Mu International Board of Directors and assists with their social media outreach. He has held several leadership positions for the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association in District 5 & 7. During his career he has presented on instrumental music education at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, PMEA and OMEA State Conferences, professional development sessions for music education, and secondary music methods classes at area colleges and universities. He has been a contributing author for articles in *Teaching Music*, *The Instrumentalist*, *The PMEA Journal*, *Phi Beta Mu International Newsletter*, *National Band Association Journal*, and *Learning and Leading with Technology*. He is in frequent demand as a guest conductor for honor bands and composer in residence sessions with school bands across Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, and New England. As a composer, Travis has published works available from multiple publishers including Carl Fischer, Bandworks Publications, The FJH Music Company, Grand Mesa Music, C.L. Barnhouse Music Publishers, Wingert-Jones Publishers, Belwin-Masters and Manhattan Beach Music. His pieces for band have been performed by groups ranging from elementary to the collegiate level. Travis resides in Grove City with his wife, their three daughters and a son.

Full Score

Commissioned by the Manheim Central High School Band, Mr. John J. Brackbill, Director

Chasing Mercury

TRAVIS J. WELLER

13

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

13

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Vib.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Sus.Cym.

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

21

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

with mute

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

with mute

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

a2

p

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

p

Timp.

f

Perc. 1

p

Perc. 2

f

Perc. 3

29

Fl. 1, 2

mp

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_bCl. 2, 3
in B_bB. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

*mp*A. Sax.
in E_b*f*T. Sax.
in B_bBar. Sax.
in E_b*mp*

29

Tpt. 1
in B_bTpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

mp

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Bells

Bells

Vib.

*p**p**p*

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Tamb.

mf

Tem. Blks.

34

37

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

37

f

f

f

f

f

fp

Bells/Vib.

Bells/Vib.

f

fp

f

fp

f

Crash Cym.

f

f

f

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

All players

43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

57

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B♭

Cl. 2, 3
in B♭

B. Cl.
in B♭

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E♭

T. Sax.
in B♭

Bar. Sax.
in E♭

Tpt. 1
in B♭

Tpt. 2, 3
in B♭

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Vib.

Bells

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Tem. Blks.

Perc. 3

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fp p mf

div.

fp p

mf

fp p

div.

mf

fp p

2.

fp p

Vib.

Bells

p lightly

Tem. Blks.

p

59 60 61 62 63 64 65

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

a2

fp

p

mp

fp

p

mp

3. with mute

p

mp

fp

p

mp

fp

p

Chimes

f

p

p

73

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

73

unis.

f

3. open

fp

f

fp

f

fp

f

fp

f

f

f

f

Bells

Vib.

div.

f

f

f

f

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Chimes

D_b to C,
A_b to F

87 88 89 90 91 92 93

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

div.

Tempo di marcia *Non con tempo* *Tempo di marcia*

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Chimes

f

f

f

Tamb.

123

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

123

119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127

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131

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Fl. 1, 2 a2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Vib. Bells Vib. Bells/Vib.

C to D_b,
F to A_b

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

145

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

169

169

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

**Cl. 1
in B_b**

**Cl. 2, 3
in B_b**

**B. Cl.
in B_b**

Bsn.

**A. Sax.
in E_b**

**T. Sax.
in B_b**

**Bar. Sax.
in E_b**

**Tpt. 1
in B_b**

**Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b**

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

**Mall.
Perc.**

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

p

stronger and fuller bit by bit

169

p

p

stronger and fuller bit by bit

p **lightly**

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

a2

mf

p

174 175 176 177 178 179 180

27

181

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Bells/Vib.

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181 182 182 184 185 186 187 188

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

202

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B \flat

Cl. 2, 3
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt. 1
in B \flat

Tpt. 2, 3
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Bells/Vib.

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

202

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Cl. 1
in B_b

Cl. 2, 3
in B_b

B. Cl.
in B_b

Bsn.

A. Sax.
in E_b

T. Sax.
in B_b

Bar. Sax.
in E_b

Tpt. 1
in B_b

Tpt. 2, 3
in B_b

Hn. in F

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

203 204 205 p 206 207 208 209 ff 210

Full Score

for Dean Zirkle
Fanfare: Generation Next

Triumphant and majestic $\text{♩} = 88$

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Flute 1, 2
Oboe
Clarinet 1 in B \flat
Clarinet 2, 3 in B \flat
Bass Clarinet in B \flat
Bassoon
Alto Saxophone 1, 2 in E \flat
Tenor Saxophone in B \flat
Baritone Saxophone in E \flat
Trumpet 1 in B \flat
Trumpet 2, 3 in B \flat
Horn 1, 2 in F
Trombone 1, 2
Euphonium
Tuba
Mallet Percussion 1 (Chimes, Marimba)
Mallet Percussion 2 (Xylophone, Xylophone)
Mallet Percussion 3 (Bells)
Timpani (F, A, E, F)
Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Snare Drums)
Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbal, Susp. Cym., Triangle)

3

4

Fl. 1, 2
Ob.
Cl. 1 in B \flat
Cl. 2, 3 in B \flat
B. Cl. in B \flat
Bsn.
A. Sax. 1, 2 in E \flat
T. Sax. in B \flat
Bar. Sax. in E \flat
Tpt. 1 in B \flat
Tpt. 2, 3 in B \flat
Hn. 1, 2 in F
Tbn. 1, 2
Eup.
Tuba
Mall. Perc. 1
Mall. Perc. 2
Mall. Perc. 3
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

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