

Seven Summits

**Composed by
Amy Webb
(Grade 2)**

Program Notes from the Composer:

The Seven Summits are the highest mountains of each of the seven continents. Climbing to the summit of all of them is regarded as a monumental mountaineering challenge, first achieved on April 30th, 1985 by Richard Bass. Completing the Seven Summits and additionally reaching the north and south poles has been dubbed the “Explorers Grand Slam.” As of this publication, less than 1000 people have achieved this goal.

The Seven Summits are made up of the following mountains: Everest, Aconcagua, Denali, Kilimanjaro, Elbrus, Mount Vinson and Carstensz Pyramid. This piece is a musical tribute to the quest.

Using the concept of the summits, this piece explores the excitement of climbing the mountains: the rush of adrenaline, the pounding of the heart and the sheer joy of being one with nature. The middle, slower part represents the pitfalls and difficulties of climbing these mountains, demonstrated in the piece by the several accidentals and mature chordal progressions. Finally, the end brings us the climber’s triumphant return to base camp!

Instrumentation:

1	Conductor	4	B♭ Trumpet 1
10	Flute	4	B♭ Trumpet 2
2	Oboe	2	F Horn
2	Bassoon	2	Trombone 1
6	B♭ Clarinet 1	2	Trombone 2
6	B♭ Clarinet 2	2	Euphonium
2	B♭ Bass Clarinet	2	Baritone T. C.
2	E♭ Alto Saxophone 1	3	Tuba
2	E♭ Alto Saxophone 2	2	Timpani
2	B♭ Tenor Saxophone	2	Orchestra Bells
2	E♭ Baritone Saxophone		Chimes
		2	Snare Drum
			Bass Drum

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♩ = 144 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

The score is written for a large ensemble. The woodwinds (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets, Bass Clarinet, Saxophones) and brass (Trumpets, Horns, Trombones, Euphonium, Tuba) sections play melodic and harmonic lines. The percussion section includes Timpani, Orchestral Bells/Chimes, Snare/Bass Drums, and Crash/Suspended Cymbals. The score is marked with dynamics such as *p*, *mp*, and *mf*. A rehearsal mark [5] is placed above measure 5. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

Flute
Oboe
Bassoon
B♭ Clarinet 1
B♭ Clarinet 2
B♭ Bass Clarinet
E♭ Alto Saxophone 1, 2
B♭ Tenor Saxophone
E♭ Baritone Saxophone
B♭ Trumpet 1
B♭ Trumpet 2
F Horn
Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Euphonium
Tuba
Timpani
Orchestral Bells Chimes
Snare Drum
Bass Drum
Crash Cym.
Sus. Cym.

Cm B♭ A♭ Cm Gm Cm Cm/G A♭ Cm D♭ Cm D♭ G

11 12 13 14 15 16

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

Bsn. *f*

B $\flat$ Cl. 1 *f*

B $\flat$ Cl. 2 *f*

B $\flat$ B. Cl. *f*

E $\flat$ A. Sax. 1, 2 *f*

B $\flat$ T. Sax. *f*

E $\flat$ B. Sax. *f*

B $\flat$ Tpt. 1 *f*

B $\flat$ Tpt. 2 *f*

F Hn. *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tba. *f*

Timp. *f* Cm Gm Cm A $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm Cm

Orch. Bells Ch. *f*

S.D. B.D. *f*

Cr. Cym. Sus. Cyb.

This is a page of a musical score for a large ensemble. It contains 18 staves, each for a different instrument or section. The staves are arranged in a system. The first staff is for Flute (Fl.), followed by Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), B-flat Clarinet 1 (B $\flat$ Cl. 1), B-flat Clarinet 2 (B $\flat$ Cl. 2), B-flat Bass Clarinet (B $\flat$ B. Cl.), E-flat Alto Saxophone 1 and 2 (E $\flat$ A. Sax. 1, 2), B-flat Tenor Saxophone (B $\flat$ T. Sax.), E-flat Baritone Saxophone (E $\flat$ B. Sax.), B-flat Trumpet 1 (B $\flat$ Tpt. 1), B-flat Trumpet 2 (B $\flat$ Tpt. 2), F Horn (F Hn.), Tuba 1 (Tbn. 1), Tuba 2 (Tbn. 2), Euphonium (Euph.), Trombone (Tba.), Timpani (Timp.), Orchestra Bells and Chimes (Orch. Bells Ch.), and Snare Drum (S.D.) and Bass Drum (B.D.). The score is written in 4/4 time and features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The music is marked with a forte (f) dynamic. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 11 through 16 indicated at the top. The bottom of the page shows the percussion section, including Snare Drum (S.D.), Bass Drum (B.D.), Crash Cymbal (Cr. Cym.), and Suspended Cymbal (Sus. Cyb.). The percussion parts are marked with a forte (f) dynamic. The score is written in a standard musical notation style, with notes, rests, and other musical symbols. The page number 3 is in the top right corner.

Seven Summits/Webb/P. 4

20

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Fl. *mf* *mp*

Ob. *mf* *mp*

Bsn. *mf* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf* *mp*

B♭ B. Cl. *mf* *mp*

E♭ A. Sax. 1, 2 *mf* *mp*

B♭ T. Sax. *mf* *mp*

E♭ B. Sax. *mf* *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mf* *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *mf* *mp*

F Hn. *mf* *mp*

Tbn. 1 *mf* *mp*

Tbn. 2 *mf* *mp*

Euph. *mf* *mp*

Tba. *mf* *mp*

Timp. B♭ A♭ Gm Fm G C D♭ C D♭ B♭ Cm Gm C B♭ A♭

Orch. Bells Ch. *mf* *mp*

S.D. B.D. *mf* *mp*

Cr. Cym. Sus. Cyb. *mf* *mp*

25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Fl. *ff* *mp*

Ob. *ff* *mp*

Bsn. *ff* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *ff* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *ff* *mp*

B♭ B. Cl. *ff* *mp*

E♭ A. Sax. 1, 2 *ff* *mp*

B♭ T. Sax. *ff* *mp*

E♭ B. Sax. *ff* *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *ff* *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *ff* *mp*

F Hn. *ff* *mp*

Tbn. 1 *ff* *mp*

Tbn. 2 *ff* *mp*

Euph. *ff* *mp*

Tba. *ff* *mp*

Timp. *ff*

Orch. Bells Ch. *ff*

S.D. B.D. *ff* *mp*

Cr. Cym. Sus. Cyb. *ff*

B♭ Gm Gm Cm B♭ Cm B♭

Seven Summits/Webb/P. 6

32 33 34 35 36 *rit.* 37 38 **Andante** $\text{♩} = 72$ 39 40 41

Fl. *f* *mf*

Ob. *f* *mp*

Bsn. *f* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *f* *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2 *f* *mp*

B♭ B. Cl. *f* *mp*

E♭ A. Sax. 1, 2 *f* *mp*

B♭ T. Sax. *f* *mp*

E♭ B. Sax. *f* *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *f*

F Hn. *f* *mp*

Tbn. 1 *f* *mp*

Tbn. 2 *f* *mp*

Euph. *f* *mp*

Tba. *f* *mp*

Timp. *f* *mp* *chimes*

Orch. Bells Ch. *f*

S.D. B.D. *rit.* *f*

Cr. Cym. Sus. Cyb. *f*

Ab B♭ Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm Gm Cm

42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

Fl. *mp* *mf*

Ob. *mp* *mf*

Bsn. *mp* *mp*

B $\flat$ Cl. 1 *mp* *mf*

B $\flat$ Cl. 2 *mp* *mp*

B $\flat$ B. Cl. *mp* *mp*

E $\flat$ A. Sax. 1, 2 *mp* *mp*

B $\flat$ T. Sax. *mp* *mp*

E $\flat$ B. Sax. *p* *mp*

B $\flat$ Tpt. 1 *mf*

B $\flat$ Tpt. 2 *mf*

F Hn. *mp*

Tbn. 1 *mp* *p* *mp*

Tbn. 2 *mp* *p* *mp*

Euph. *mp* *p* *mp*

Tba. *mp* *p* *mp*

Ch. *mf*

S.D. B.D.

Cr. Cym. Sus. Cyb. *p* *mp* let ring

Cm Dm Cm/E $\flat$ A $\flat$ F Cm Fm Gm A $\flat$ Gm F