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Grade 4

TO THE SKY

James M. Stephenson

Instrumentation

1 - Conductor's Full Score	3 - B♭ Trumpet 1	1 - Timpani
1 - Piccolo	3 - B♭ Trumpet 2	4 - Mallet Percussion
4 - Flute 1	3 - B♭ Trumpet 3	Vibraphone
4 - Flute 2	2 - F Horn 1	Chimes
1 - Oboe 1	2 - F Horn 2	Marimba
1 - Oboe 2	2 - Trombone 1	Bells
1 - Bassoon 1	2 - Trombone 2	1 - Percussion 1
1 - Bassoon 2	2 - Trombone 3	Wood Block
4 - B♭ Clarinet 1	2 - Baritone/ Euphonium	4 - Percussion 2
4 - B♭ Clarinet 2	2 - Baritone T.C.	Snare Drum
4 - B♭ Clarinet 3	4 - Tuba	Triangle
2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet		Tom-toms
2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1		China Cymbal
2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2		4 New Tennis Ball Cans
2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone		3 - Percussion 3
2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone		Bass Drum
		Crash Cymbals
		Suspended Cymbal



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The Composer

James Stephenson's music is a fresh and energizing soundscape that delights audiences while maintaining integrity and worthwhile challenges for the performing musician. This rare combination has rewarded Stephenson with ongoing projects and commissions. His collaborations include a concerto for Branford Marsalis with Rodney Mack, a work for the Dallas Symphony, and a concerto for Philadelphia Orchestra's principal trombonist Nitzan Haroz.

Stephenson has been performed by many of today's leading orchestras, including Cleveland, the symphonies of Houston, Atlanta, Detroit, Baltimore, and Jacksonville, the Rochester Philharmonic, Florida Orchestra, Grand Rapids Symphony, Naples Philharmonic, and Lake Forest Symphony. His music for wind ensemble has led to commissions, performances, and recordings by bands such as the USAF Band of Liberty, "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, Boston University, and Columbus State University. And works for brass have led to solo commissions from many top-tiered orchestral players, including those from the symphonies of Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Montreal, Oregon, and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Stephenson studied at New England Conservatory, where he earned a Bachelor of Music degree with distinction in trumpet performance. He makes his home in the Chicago area with his wife, Sally, a performing violinist, and their four children.

About the Music

To the Sky is a new concert band work, written for the first graduating class of the Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, MI. At the invitation of Director of Bands, Jason Smith, I traveled to Skyline High School in the spring of 2011 to meet with the students, and to hear the band play. Immediately I was struck with a wonderful spirit and a high level of music making. It was fun to interact with the students, as one by one they pleaded with me to give them a solo, or make sure their section had a good part. I hope I've satisfied their hopes!

More than anything I wanted to capture the excitement of a new school celebrating its first ever graduating class. I wanted to share the promise that the future holds for these young individuals, the sense of anticipation, and the sense of transition from one stage of life into another.

Thus, the piece starts with a bit of uncertainty, but immediately portrays soft brass fanfares, slowly increasing in volume, with the melodic material always rising. Rhythmic excitement (and hopefully fun music to play) occupies the majority of the piece, with the fanfare material returning at the end to cap off this energizing work.

Obviously, the title is a dedication to the "Sky-line" students, but at the same time it is an encouragement to them to take their dreams and persevere without limit: *To the Sky*.

My thanks to Larry Dittmar, a longtime friend, for recommending me for this project, and also to Jason Smith and the administration at Skyline High School, for commissioning this work to commemorate a major milestone. I am honored to be a part of their celebration.

commissioned by and dedicated to the Skyline High School Bands
Ann Arbor, Michigan; Jason Smith, Director of Bands
Premiered in honor of the 1st graduating class on May 31, 2012.

TO THE SKY

JAMES M. STEPHENSON
(ASCAP)

Andante, calm (♩ = c. 84)

Piccolo

Flutes 1 2

Oboes 1 2

Bassoons 1 2

B♭ Clarinets 1 2 3

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

Andante, calm (♩ = c. 84)

B♭ Trumpets 1 2 3

F Horns 1 2

Trombones 1 2 3

Baritone/Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani

Mallet Percussion (Vibraphone, Chimes, Marimba, Bells)

Percussion 1 (Wood Block)

Percussion 2 (Snare Drum, Triangle, Tom-toms, China Cymbal, 4 New Tennis Ball Cans)

Percussion 3 (Bass Drum, Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal)

2 3 4 5 6



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This musical score page contains measures 7 through 12. The instrumentation includes Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboes (1 and 2), Bassoons (1 and 2), Clarinets (1, 2, and 3), Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1 and 2), Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpets (1, 2, and 3), Horns (1 and 2), Trombones (1, 2, and 3), Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, and three types of Percussion (1, 2, and 3). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The score features various musical notations including rests, eighth and sixteenth notes, beamed sixteenth notes, and slurs. Dynamics such as *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *p* (piano) are indicated. A specific fingering or articulation mark 'a2' is present above the first Alto Saxophone staff in measure 11. The percussion parts are mostly silent, with some activity in the Timpani part in measure 10.

7 8 9 10 11 12

18

19 $\mathbf{p}$ 20 21 22 $\mathbf{mf}$ 23 24

Picc. *cresc.* *f* *rit.*
 Fls. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 Obs. 1 *a2* *f*
 2 *f*
 Bsns. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 Cls. 1 *f*
 2 *mf* *f*
 3 *a2* *f*
 B. Cl. *mf* *f*
 A. Sax. 1 *a2* *f* *ff*
 2 *f* *ff*
 T. Sax. *f* *ff*
 B. Sax. *mf* *f* *ff*
 Tpts. 1 *f* *rit.*
 2 *f*
 3 *f* *a2* *ff*
 Hns. 1 *f*
 2 *ff*
 Tbns. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 3 *f*
 Bar./Euph. *f*
 Tuba *mf* *f*
 Timp. *fp* *f* *fp*
 Mlt. Perc. *f*
 Perc. 1 *f*
 Perc. 2 *fp* Triangle *f*
 Perc. 3 *fp* Cr. Cym. *f* *fp*

25 26 27 28

29 Allegro energico (♩ = c. 88)

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

29

30

31

32

f

mf

29 Allegro energico (♩ = c. 88)

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./ Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

High Tom

Sus Cym. w/ hard stick

29

30

31

32

f

mf

f

36

40

Picc.
 Fls. 1
 2
 Obs. 1
 2
 Bsns. 1
 2
 p
 Cls. 1
 2
 3
 mp
 p
 mp
 B. Cl.
 A. Saxes 1
 2
 p
 T. Sax.
 p
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1
 2
 3
 p
 mf
 Hns. 1
 2
 mf
 p
 Tbns. 1
 2
 3
 mf
 p
 Bar./
 Euph.
 Tuba
 mf
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

45

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

45

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./ Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1 W.B. *p*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

45 46 47 48

Picc.
 Fls. 1
 2
 Obs. 1
 2
 Bsns. 1
 2
 Cls. 1
 2
 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Saxes 1
 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1
 2
 3
 Hns. 1
 2
 Tbns. 1
 2
 3
 Bar./Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

49 50 51 52

53

Picc. *mf*

Fls. 1 *f*

Fls. 2

Obs. 1 *f*

Obs. 2

Bsns. 1 *mf*

Bsns. 2

Cls. 1 *f*

Cls. 2 *a2*

Cls. 3 *f*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sax. 1 *mf*

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax. *mf*

B. Sax. *mf*

53

Tpts. 1 *open*

Tpts. 2 *f*

Tpts. 3 *open*

Hns. 1 *mf*

Hns. 2

Tbns. 1 *mf*

Tbns. 2 *open*

Tbns. 3 *mf*

Bar./Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Timp. *p*

Mlt. Perc. *mf*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 *Sus. Cym. w/ soft mallets*

53 *p* *mf* 54 *p* *mf* 55 *p* 56 *f*

Picc. *p*
 Fls. 1 *p*
 2 *p*
 Obs. 1 *p*
 2 *p*
 Bsns. 1 *p*
 2 *p*
 Cls. 1 *p* *mp*
 2 *p* *mp*
 3 *p* *mp*
 B. Cl. *p*
 A. Sax. 1 *p* *mf*
 2 *p* *mf*
 T. Sax. *p* *mf*
 B. Sax. *p* *mf*
 Tpts. 1
 2
 3
 Hns. 1 *a2* *f*
 2 *f*
 Tbns. 1 *p*
 2 *p*
 3 *p*
 Bar./Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp. *mf* *p*
 Mlt. Perc. *p*
 Perc. 1 W.B. *p*
 Perc. 2 High Tom *p*
 Perc. 3 *p* w/ hard stick

57 *p* 58 59 60

63

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1^{sts} only

mf

mf

p

f

2^{nds} only

f

mf

p

1^{sts} only

63

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./ Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

play

p

p

p

p

pp

pp

p

pp

p

pp

p

Marimba

Tri.

p

Picc.
 Fls. 1
 2
 Obs. 1
 2
 Bsns. 1
 2
 Cls. 1
 2
 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Sax. 1
 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1
 2
 3
 Hns. 1
 2
 Tbns. 1
 2
 3
 Bar./ Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Milt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

Dynamics: *p*, *mf*, *f*, *pp*, *mp*
 Performance instructions: *w/ soft mallets*, *Bells*
 Rehearsal marks: 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72

78

79 A tempo (♩ = c. 88)

Picc.
 Fls. 1 2
 Obs. 1 2
 Bsns. 1 2
 Cls. 1 2 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Saxes 1 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.

79 A tempo (♩ = c. 88)

Tpts. 1 2 3
 Hns. 1 2
 Tbns. 1 2 3
 Bar./Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./ Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

82

83

84

p

p

mf

harmon mute - stem in

p

mf

pp

Vibr.

pp

pp

pp

f

open new Tennis Can !!

Picc.
 Fls. 1 2
 Obs. 1 2
 Bsns. 1 2
 Cls. 1 2 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Sax. 1 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1 2 3
 Hns. 1 2
 Tbns. 1 2 3
 Bar./Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

85 86 87

con sordino
 p
 mf
 p
 (Tennis Can 2)

Picc.
 Fls. 1 2
 Obs. 1 2
 Bsns. 1 2
 Cls. 1 2 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Sax. 1 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1 2 3
 Hns. 1 2
 Tbns. 1 2 3
 Bar./ Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

88 89 90

(Tennis Can 3) (Tennis Can 4)

Musical score for measures 88-90. The score includes parts for Piccolo, Flutes (1, 2), Oboes (1, 2), Bassoons (1, 2), Clarinets (1, 2, 3), Bass Clarinet, Saxophones (Alto, Tenor, Baritone), Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Horns (1, 2), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Mallet Percussion, and three Percussion parts. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The score features various dynamics including *f* (forte), *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *pp* (pianissimo). The percussion parts include specific instructions for "Tennis Can 3" and "Tennis Can 4".

91

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax. 1 2

B. Sax. 1 2

91

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./ Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

91 92 93

Picc.
 Fls. 1 2
 Obs. 1 2
 Bsns. 1 2
 Cls. 1 2 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Saxes 1 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1 2 3
 Hns. 1 2
 Tbns. 1 2 3
 Bar./ Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3 (Ch. Cym.)

The score is for measures 94, 95, and 96. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The Piccolo (Picc.) and Bassoon (Bsns.) parts have a forte (*f*) dynamic marking at the beginning of measure 94. The Clarinet (Cls.) and Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.) parts have a crescendo hairpin. The woodwinds (Saxophones, Flutes, Oboes, Bassoons, Clarinets, Bass Clarinet) and brass (Trumpets, Horns, Trombones, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba) parts play sustained chords or single notes. The percussion section includes a snare drum (Perc. 1) with a steady eighth-note pattern, a tom-tom (Perc. 2) with a rhythmic pattern, and a chime/cymbal (Perc. 3) with a pattern of eighth notes and rests. The timpani (Timp.) part has a steady eighth-note pattern. The mallet percussion (Mlt. Perc.) part has a sustained chord.

94 95 96

This page of the musical score, numbered 99, continues the orchestration for measures 97, 98, and 99. The woodwind section includes Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboes (1 and 2), Bassoons (1 and 2), Clarinets (1, 2, and 3), Bass Clarinet, and Saxophones (Alto, Tenor, and Baritone/Euphonium). The brass section consists of Trumpets (1, 2, and 3), Horns (1 and 2), Trombones (1, 2, and 3), Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, and Timpani. The percussion section includes Mallet Percussion, three types of Percussion (1, 2, and 3), and a Snare Drum (S.D.). The score features various dynamics such as *f* (forte), *p* (piano), *pp* (pianissimo), and *ppp* (pianississimo), as well as articulations like accents and slurs. The woodwinds and strings play melodic lines, while the brass and percussion provide harmonic support and rhythmic patterns.

m

Picc.
 Fls. 1, 2
 Obs. 1, 2
 Bsns. 1, 2
 Cls. 1, 2, 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Saxes 1, 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1, 2, 3
 Hns. 1, 2
 Tbns. 1, 2, 3
 Bar./Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

104 105 106

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Picc.
 Fls. 1 2
 Obs. 1 2
 Bsns. 1 2
 Cls. 1 2 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Saxes 1 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1 2 3
 Hns. 1 2
 Tbns. 1 2 3
 Bar./Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

Musical score for measures 111-116. The score includes parts for Piccolo, Flutes (1, 2), Oboes (1, 2), Bassoons (1, 2), Clarinets (1, 2, 3), Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1, 2), Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Horns (1, 2), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, and Multiple Percussion (1, 2, 3). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The score features various dynamics including *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *pp* (pianissimo). The percussion section includes Timpani, Multiple Percussion (1, 2, 3), and other percussion instruments. The woodwind section includes Piccolo, Flutes (1, 2), Oboes (1, 2), Bassoons (1, 2), Clarinets (1, 2, 3), Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1, 2), Tenor Saxophone, and Baritone Saxophone. The brass section includes Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Horns (1, 2), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Baritone/Euphonium, and Tuba.

111 112 113 114 115 116

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B1536

Picc. *f* *mf* *a2*
 Fls. 1 *f* *mf* *a2*
 2 *f* *mf* *a2*
 Obs. 1 *f* *mf* *a2*
 2 *f* *mf* *a2*
 Bsns. 1 *f* *mf*
 2 *f* *mf*
 Cls. 1 *f* *mf*
 2 *f* *mf*
 3 *f* *mf*
 B. Cl. *f* *mf*
 A. Sax. *f* *mf* *a2*
 T. Sax. *f* *mf* *a2*
 B. Sax. *f* *mf* *a2*
 Tpts. 1 *f* *mf* *a2*
 2 *f* *mf* *a2*
 3 *f* *mf* *a2*
 Hns. 1 *f* *mf* *a2*
 2 *f* *mf* *a2*
 Tbns. 1 *f* *mf* *a2*
 2 *f* *mf* *a2*
 3 *f* *mf* *a2*
 Bar./Euph. *f* *mf* *a2*
 Tuba *f* *mf* *a2*
 Timp. *f* *mf*
 Mlt. Perc. *f* *mf*
 Perc. 1 *f* *mf*
 Perc. 2 *p* *f*
 Perc. 3 *f* *mf*

128 *f* 129 130 *mf* 131

Picc.
 Fls. 1 2
 Obs. 1 2
 Bsns. 1 2
 Cls. 1 2 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Saxes 1 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1 2 3
 Hns. 1 2
 Tbns. 1 2 3
 Bar./ Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2
 Perc. 3

132 *f*
 133 *f*
 134 *f*
 135 *f*

136 Più mosso (♩ = c. 100)

Picc. *mf*
 Fls. 1 *mf*
 2
 Obs. 1 *mp*
 2
 Bsns. 1 *p*
 2 *p*
 Cls. 1 *mp*
 2 *p*
 3 *mf*
 B. Cl. *p*
 A. Sax. 1 *p*
 2 *p*
 T. Sax. *p*
 B. Sax. *p*

136 Più mosso (♩ = c. 100)

Tpts. 1 *mp*
 2 *mf*
 3 *mp*
 Hns. 1 *mp*
 2 *mp*
 Tbns. 1 *mf*
 2 *mf*
 3 *mf*
 Bar./Euph. *p*
 Tuba *p*
 Timp. *p*
 Mlt. Perc.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2 High Tom *p*
 Perc. 3 Sus Cym. w/ hard stick
 136 *pp* 137 138 139

Picc. *f*
 Fls. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 Obs. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 Bsns. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 Cls. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 3 *f*
 B. Cl. *f*
 A. Sax. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 T. Sax. *f*
 B. Sax. *f*
 Tpts. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 3 *f*
 Hns. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 Tbns. 1 *f*
 2 *f*
 3 *f*
 Bar./Euph. *f*
 Tuba *f*
 Timp. *f*
 Mlt. Perc. *f*
 Bells *f*
 Perc. 1 *f*
 Perc. 2 *ff*
 Tri. *ff*
 Perc. 3 *f*

140 *f* 141 142 *fz*

