

Christmas on the Thames

A Fantasy on English Carols

arranged by
Porter Eidam

1 Full Score	4 Trumpet 1
4 Flute 1	4 Trumpet 2
4 Flute 2	2 F Horn 1
2 Oboe	2 F Horn 2
2 Bassoon	3 Trombone 1
4 Clarinet 1	3 Trombone 2
4 Clarinet 2	3 Baritone B.C.
2 Bass Clarinet	2 Baritone T.C.
4 Alto Saxophone	5 Tuba
2 Tenor Saxophone	1 Timpani
1 Baritone Saxophone	3 Percussion 1: Field Drum or Deep Snare Drum, Bass Drum
	2 Percussion 2: 2 Concert Toms, Suspended Cymbal
	3 Percussion 3: Tambourine, Triangle, Wood Block, Suspended Cymbal, Gong
	1 Mallets 1: Vibraphone
	2 Mallets 2: Chimes, Bells

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Program Notes

Christmas on the Thames is a fantasy of English Christmas carols circling around the beloved melody of *I Saw Three Ships*. It reflects a buzz of activity both in the streets of London and on board the schooner bound for port. Decorations are placed in the shop windows; the smell of warm chestnuts and puddings fill the streets; carolers sing; the mulled punch known as wassail is drunk. The piece culminates with the ship pulling up to the dock amidst celebratory cheers and ringing bells. Merry Christmas, gov'!

About the Arranger

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Traditional
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Lively ♩. = 92

One player

9

The score is for a 9-measure piece in 6/8 time, marked 'Lively' with a tempo of quarter note = 92. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Flute 1 & 2:** One player. Part begins in measure 1 with a *mf* dynamic. Re-enters in measure 9 with a *tutti* marking and *mf* dynamic.
- Oboe:** Rests until measure 9, then plays with *mf* dynamic.
- Bassoon:** Rests until measure 9, then plays with *mp* dynamic.
- Clarinet 1 & 2:** Rests until measure 9, then play with *mf* dynamic.
- Bass Clarinet:** Part begins in measure 1 with a *mf* dynamic and a 'Tuba cue' marking. Re-enters in measure 9 with a *mp* dynamic and a 'Play' marking.
- Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone:** Rest throughout.
- Trumpet 1 & 2, F Horn 1 & 2, Trombone 1 & 2, Baritone:** Rest throughout.
- Tuba:** Part begins in measure 1 with a *mf* dynamic. Re-enters in measure 9 with a *p* dynamic. A note above measure 9 indicates 'One player (part optional through measure 9)'. A *p* dynamic marking is also present at the end of measure 9.
- Timpani:** Rests until measure 9, then plays with a *p* dynamic.
- Percussion 1 (Field Drum or Deep Snare Drum, Bass Drum) and Percussion 2 & 3 (Tambourine, Wood Block, 2 Concert Toms, Triangle, Suspended, Cymbal, Gong):** Rest throughout.
- Mallets 1 (Vibraphone) and Mallets 2 (Chimes, Bells):** Rest throughout. Chimes enter in measure 9.

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Fl. 1/2: *a2*, *p*, *stagger*

Ob.: *p*, *stagger*

Bsn.: *mp*, *p*

Cl. 1: *p*

Cl. 2: *p*

B. Cl.: *mp*, *p*

A. Sx.: *f*, *p*

T. Sx.: *f*, *p*

B. Sx.: *f*, *p*

Tpt. 1/2: *f*

Hn. 1: *f*, *p*

Hn. 2: *f*, *p*

Tbn. 1/2: *p*

Bar.: *p*

Tba.: *p*

Timp.: *p*

Perc. 1: *p*

Perc. 2/3: *p*

Mlts. 1: *mf*, *to Bells*

Mlts. 2: *to Bells*

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

mf *pp* *p*

Cl. 1

f *p*

Cl. 2

f *p*

B. Cl.

mf *pp*

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

mf *pp* *mf*

Tpt. 1
2

p *f*

Hn. 1

mf

Hn. 2

mf

Tbn. 1
2

f *pp* *mf*

Bar.

f *pp* *f*

Tba.

tutti *mf* *pp* *p*

27

27

Timp.

mf

Field Drum or Deep Snare Drum (play all rolls open-stroke)

Perc. 1

p

Perc. 2
3

Perc. 3: Tambourine *p*

Mlts. 1

f

Mlts. 2

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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35

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1
2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1
2

Bar.

Tba.

35

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2
3

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2

Bells

l.v.

28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 *mp* 36

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Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
A. Sx.
T. Sx.
B. Sx.
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Bar.
Tba.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Mlts. 1
Mlts. 2

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

To Chim. Chimes To Glock.

f

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50

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1
Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.
T. Sx.
B. Sx.

Tpt. 1
2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2

Tbn. 1
2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1
Perc. 2
3

Mlts. 1
Mlts. 2

mp

f

mp

f

mp

f

f

f

mf

mf

mp

Tpt. 1 only

+ Tpt. 2

Bass Drum

to Triangle

Perc. 2: Tom-toms

46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

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58

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1
Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.
T. Sx.
B. Sx.

Tpt. 1
2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2

Tbn. 1
2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2
3

Mlts. 1
Mlts. 2

(Tpt. cue - 1 Player)

(Hn. cue - 1 Player)

1 Player

1 Player

Toms to Sus. Cym. (mallet)

Perc. 3: Tri.

Perc. 2: Sus. Cym.
pp

55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63

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1 Player

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1
2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1
2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2
3

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2

tutti

tutti (sneak in and stagger)

Tpt. 1 and 2 tutti/a2

tutti (sneak in and stagger)

(sneak in and stagger)

pp

Bells

64 65 66 67 68 69 70 *p* 71 72

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77

Fl. 1/2 *f* *tutti* *f*

Ob. *f*

Bsn. *ff*

Cl. 1 *f* *Play*

Cl. 2 *f*

B. Cl. *ff*

A. Sx. *f* *ff*

T. Sx. *ff*

B. Sx. *ff*

Tpt. 1/2 *f* *ff*

Hn. 1 *f* *ff*

Hn. 2 *f* *ff*

Tbn. 1/2 *ff*

Bar. *ff*

Tba. *ff*

Timp. *pp* *ff*

Perc. 1 dampen *ff* dampen
Tri. to Wood Block Wood Block; Sus. Cym. dampen dampen

Perc. 2/3 *ff*

Mlts. 1 dry dampen dampen

Mlts. 2 dampen dampen

73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81

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85

Fl. 1/2 *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn.

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mf*

B. Cl.

A. Sx. *mf*

T. Sx. *mf*

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1/2 *mf*

Hn. 1 *mf*

Hn. 2 *mf*

Tbn. 1/2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1 (Field Drum) *p*

Perc. 2/3 W.B. to Tri.

Mlts. 1 To Chim. (Chimes)

Mlts. 2

85

82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90

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95

Ob. cue

Fl. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1 2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 3

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2

91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99

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104

Fl. 1
2 (Ob. cue) *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *p*

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mf*

B. Cl. *p* *mf*

A. Sx. *p*

T. Sx. *p*

B. Sx. *p*

Tpt. 1
2 *f* *p*

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Tbn. 1
2 *mf* *p* *mf*

Bar. *mf* *p* *mf*

Tba. *mf* *p* *mf*

Timp. Solo *f* 104

Perc. 1

Perc. 2
3 Perc. 3: Tri. *f* Perc. 2: Sus. Cym. *pp*

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2

100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108

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118

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1
Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.
T. Sx.
B. Sx.

Tpt. 1
2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2

Tbn. 1
2

Bar.

Tba.

118

Timp.

Perc. 1
Toms

Perc. 2
3
Sus. Cym.
Gong (l.v.)

Mlts. 1
Mlts. 2

118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126

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137

Fl. 1 2 *a2*
poco cresc. *più f*

Ob.
poco cresc. *più f*

Bsn.
poco cresc. *più f*

Cl. 1
poco cresc. *più f*

Cl. 2
poco cresc. *più f*

B. Cl.
poco cresc. *più f*

A. Sx.
a2
poco cresc. *più f*

T. Sx.
poco cresc. *più f*

B. Sx.
poco cresc. *più f*

Tpt. 1 2 *a2*
poco cresc. *più f*

Hn. 1
poco cresc. *più f*

Hn. 2
poco cresc. *più f*

Tbn. 1 2
poco cresc. *più f*

Bar.
poco cresc. *più f*

Tba.
poco cresc. *più f*

Timp.
poco cresc. *ff*

Perc. 1
ff

Perc. 2 3
ff
 Sus. Cym. to Gong

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2
ff
 let ring to the end

136 137 138 139 140 141 142

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153

Oboe cue (1 player)
 1 player
 1 player
 Bssn. cue (one player)
 153
 let ring (Gong only)
 (notes need not be rhythmically exact)

mf
mf
mf
mf
f
mf
mp
p

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Musical score for 'Christmas on the Thames' showing staves for Flute (Fl. 1, 2), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Clarinet 1 (Cl. 1), Clarinet 2 (Cl. 2), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sx.), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sx.), Bass Saxophone (B. Sx.), Trumpet 1 (Tpt. 1, 2), Horn 1 (Hn. 1), Horn 2 (Hn. 2), Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1, 2), Baritone (Bar.), Tuba (Tba.), Tympani (Timp.), Percussion 1 (Perc. 1, 2, 3), and Mallets (Mlts. 1, 2). The score includes measures 161 through 169. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and **ON CUE** in measure 168.