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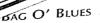
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#### By Bruce Pearson & Barrie Gott

#### Dear Student:

Welcome to the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FIRST PERFORMANCE, a collection of thirteen songs written for beginning or young band. These selections represent a variety of musical styles such as rock, blues, marches, traditional folk songs, and transcriptions from classical music.

Each piece was composed or arranged especially for the first year band student and contains a limited range of musical notes as well as simple rhythms designed to provide beginning instrumentalists a repertoire of varied fun and exciting concert music.

Good luck with your First Performance!

Best wishes,

Bruce Pearson

Barrie Gott

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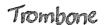
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## A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

"O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN"



J.A.P. Schulz/Magill















O Come, Little Children was composed by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (b.1747 - d.1800). Schulz was the court composer at Rheinsberg, Germany and a choir director for the Royal Court Theater in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was best known for setting poems to simple, folk-like music. The German poet, Christoph von Schmid, wrote the words to this song.

## THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

#### Trombone

Medieval French Melody

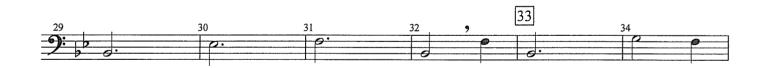












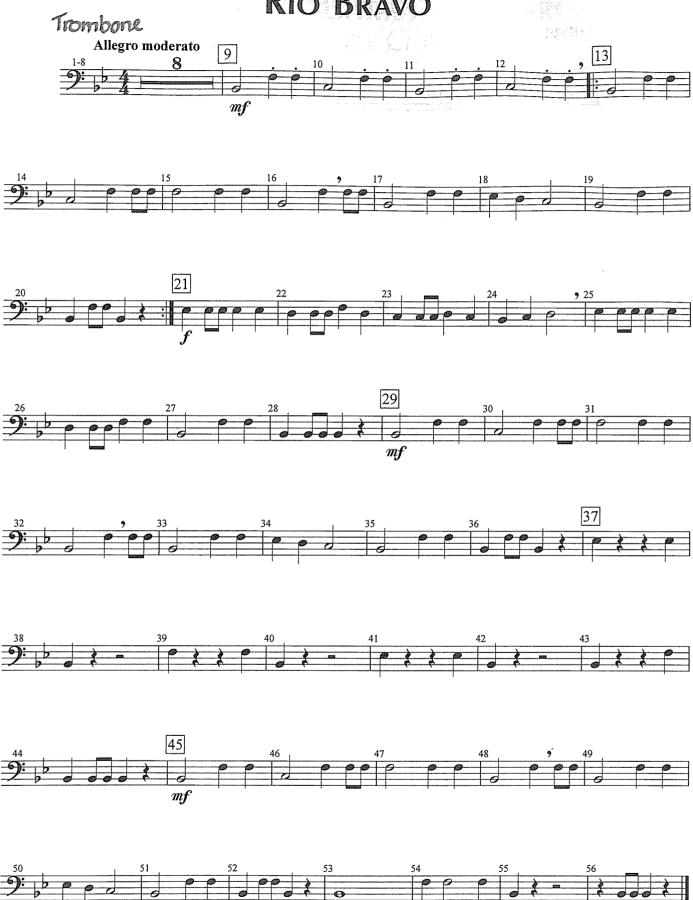




The melody for **The Friendly Beasts** dates back to 12th century medieval France while the words were written at a later date. **The Friendly Beasts** is usually thought of as an old English carol.

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Latin America is made up of South America, Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies. The music of this region is a combination of Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian traditions and has been influenced by the cultures of the native Indians like the Aztec, Incan, and Mayan. It features catchy melodies, infectious rhythms, and a wide use of percussion instruments.

## **BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN**

#### Trombone

Traditional American Folk













Folk songs are passed down from generation to generation through singing and listening. The common folk sing the songs to their children instead of writing them down. The original composers were forgotten as time passed and the words and places changed. These changes left many versions of the same song. **Big Rock Candy Mountain** originated in the late 1800's and was attributed to Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock. The ballad tells of a hobo's life, riding the trains and traveling the country, in search of the perfect place for a "burly bum" to live.

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### ROYAL CROWN MARCH



The history of the march has its beginnings in the military. Marches have a steady beat that is strongly accented. This beat was helpful for soldiers to stay in step. Many marches were written to commemorate a regal occasion such as the crowning of a king. It was with this in mind that **Royal Crown March** was composed.

## BOOT SCOOTIN' BARN DANCE



A significant part of a country's heritage and culture is found in its folk music. Using the language of the common folk, folk songs describe the lives and times of its people. This piece uses the folk song, **Ol' Joe Clark.** Joe Clark was a veteran from the war of 1812 who lived in the Appalachian Mountains. The numerous verses were made up from incidents in his life and expanded as time passed to include over 90 different verses.

### BAG O' BLUES



The blues is a style of music developed from the African-American field hollers, work songs, and spirituals of the late 1800's to early 1900's. It is played at a slow to moderate tempo and usually written in 4/4 time. The third, fifth, and seventh notes of the scale in which the piece is written are lowered one half-step.

### A LITTLE BIT OF LATIN





The music of Latin America, influenced by the many cultures and traditions of its people, uses lively rhythms for dances like the habanera, rumba, cha-cha, and tango. The music uses many percussion instruments such as the claves, maracas, and cowbell to keep the rhythm.

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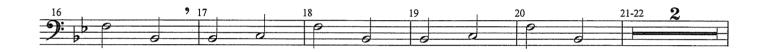
#### A CLASSICAL CANON

#### Trombone

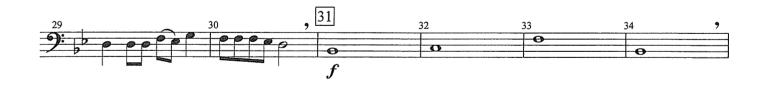
Franz Joseph Haydn/Magill













Franz Joseph Haydn (b.1732 - d.1809) was an Austrian composer who worked as the court composer for the royal Esterhazy family for over thirty years. "Papa Haydn," best known for his numerous symphonies and string quartets, also trained and conducted the other court musicians. A Classical Canon was originally called the *Nightingale Canon*. Words were added later describing children's anticipation to stay up on Christmas Eve while the parent sang for the children to go to bed. The title then became commonly known as the *Christmas Eve Canon*.

#### Dr. Rock

#### Trombone

Chuck Elledge



Rock music evolved into a distinctive style of music with songs like *Rock Around the Clock* and *You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog*. During the 1960's, a British band called the Beatles became very popular. In the 1970's and 1980's, electronic instruments and advanced recording techniques were developed to enhance the music.

## FANFARE AND MINUET FROM "THE ROYAL FIREWORKS"

Trombone

George Frideric Handel



George Frideric Handel (b.1685 - d.1759) was a popular German composer who traveled widely throughout his life and settled in England. The English royalty paid him well for his many compositions. The Music for the Royal Fireworks, written in 1749, originally called for a huge ensemble of brass, woodwinds, timpani, and a cannon. Handel wrote the piece to accompany a fireworks celebration for the King of England. Just as the music began, the fireworks exploded accidentally. In spite of the accident, Handel's piece was a great success.

#### **BOOGIE BLUES**

#### Trombone



Blues music evolved throughout the early 20th century. "Boogie-woogie," a popular style developed during this time, was normally played at a fast tempo, had a repeated melodic pattern in the bass (called a "walking bass"), swinging eighth notes, and a series of improvised variations in the upper melody.

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#### Trombone

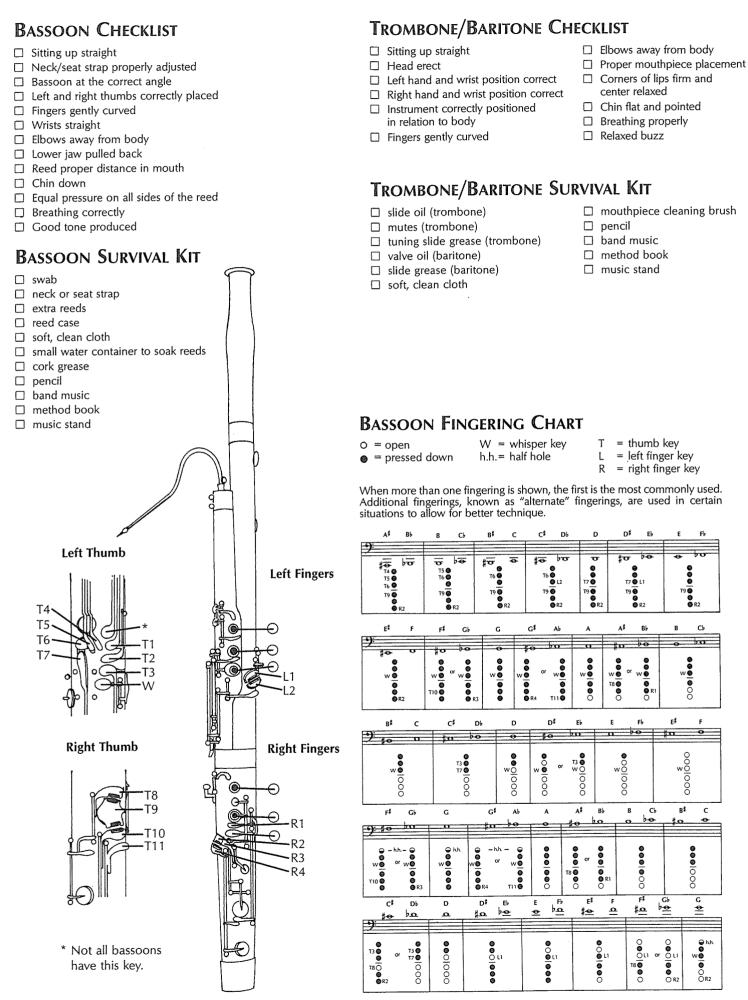
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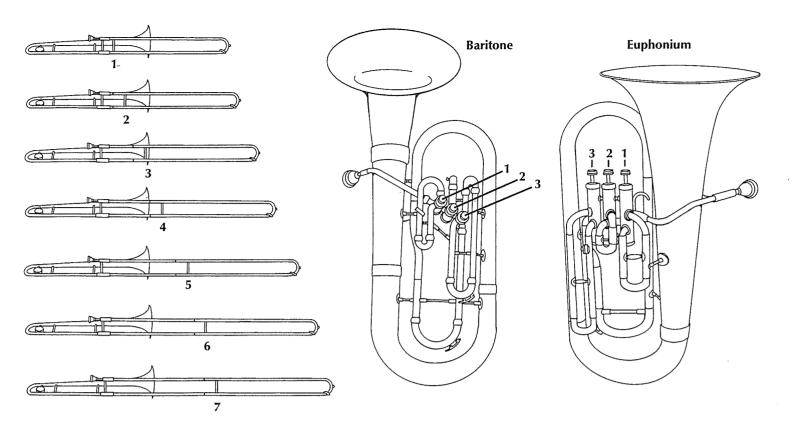


"Rock and Roll" was a phrase used by disk jockey, Allan Freed, in the early 1950's. He wanted to attract teenagers to his Rhythm and Blues concerts. The name caught on and rock and roll replaced American "pop" music. Rock music has a heavy dance beat with strong accents on beats 2 and 4 and lyrics that relate well to young people.

## **GLOSSARY**

Accent >	play the heginning of the note	Mezzo Piano mp	medium soft
Accent >	louder	Moderato	moderate speed
Accidentals #, b,  \cdot	sharp, flat, or natural	Natural \$	cancels a flat or sharp
Allegro	quick and lively	One-Measure Repeat 🗷	repeat the previous measure
Andante	moderately slow	Percussion Clef	indicates that the lines and
	type of attack used to play a note or group of notes		spaces on the staff do not designate specific pitches; also
Bar Line	measures		called neutral clef or no-pitch clef; read by snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and most other
Bass Clef =	F Clef, read by bassoon, trombone, baritone, tuba, timpani,		auxiliary percussion instruments
	and electric bass	Phrase	· ·
Blues	American genre of popular vocal music, developed from African-	Piano p	
	American field hollers, work	Pick-Up Note(s)	the first full measure of a piece
	songs, and spirituals; characteriz-	Popular Music	
	ed by a harmonic structure that is made up of a 12-measure phrase		ed a role in each historical period
Breath Mark ,	·	Repeat Sign	repeat from beginning or repeat the section of music between
Canon	a style of contrapuntal music,		repeat signs
	similar to a round	Rhythm and Blues	American style of popular music
	song usually associated with Christmas		often described as an urban style of blues; instrumentation included drums, piano, electric guitar and
Common Time C	•		bass, saxophone, brass, and
Crescendo <			vocalists
Decrescendo >		Rock	style of American popular music
Double Bar			that developed in the 1960's from rock and roll, with more
Dynamics	hold note or rest longer than its		amplification and distortion of
	usual value		sound and more room for improvisation
Flat	half step	Rock and Roll	style of American popular music that developed from rhythm and
Forte <i>f</i>	loud		blues in the 1950's and was
Fortissimo ff	very loud		especially popular among young people
Harmony	result of two or more different	Sharp #	raises the pitch of a note $1/2$ step
	notes played or sung at the same time	Slur J.J	curved line connecting two or more notes of <u>different</u> pitches
•	to create music as it is being performed	Solo/Soli	one person plays/whole section plays
Jazz	style of American popular music that emerged at the turn of the	Staccato J	dot placed above or below a
	20th century and continued to	•	note meaning to play short and
	evolve throughout the 20th century	Staff	detached lines and spaces on which music
Key Signature	sharps or flats stated right after	Statt	is written
,	the clef; key signatures change	Swing	style of American popular music
<u>*</u>	certain notes throughout a piece of music		that was played by the "big bands" of the 1930's and 1940's
Ledger Lines	short lines added above or below	Tempo	
*	the staff used to extend the staff to notate pitches that are beyond the range of the staff		line placed above or below a note meaning to sustain for full value
Long Rest 4	rest the number of measures indicated	Tie	curved line that connects two notes on the <u>same</u> line or space
Maestoso		Time Signature $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$	top number tells the number of
	space between two bar lines; also known as a "bar"		counts in each measure; bottom number tells the type of note that receives one count
Medieval	(also known as Middle Ages,	Treble Clef	G Clef; read by flute, oboe, clari-
	400-1400AD) a time in European history of warfare, religious	0	nets, saxophones, trumpet, French
	devotion, and royal pageantry	Two-Measure Repeat 2	horn, and mallet percussion repeat the two previous measures
Melody	organized succession of tones	iwo-wieasure kepeat	repeat the two previous measures
Mezzo Forte mf	medium loud		
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#### **TROMBONE POSITION CHART**

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