### SYMPHONIC BAND SERIES

# And The Heart Replies

## **By Anne McGinty**

#### INSTRUMENTATION

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- 1 Full Score
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 4 1st B Clarinet
- 4 2nd B Clarinet
- 4 3rd B Clarinet
- 1 El- Alto Clarinet
- 3 B♭ Bass Clarinet/ B♭ Contrabass Clarinet
- 1 E♭ Contrabass Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 2 1st Eb Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd El Alto Saxophone
- 2 Bk Tenor Saxophone
- 1 El Baritone Saxophone
- 3 1st Bl Cornet/Trumpet
- 3 2nd B Cornet/Trumpet
- 3 3rd B Cornet/Trumpet

2 - 3rd & 4th F Horns2 - 1st Trombone

2 - 1st & 2nd F Horns

- 2 2nd Trombone
- 2 3rd Trombone
  - Baritone B.C.
- Baritone T.C.
- 4 Tuba
  - String Bass
  - Mallet Percussion (Bells, Vibe, Xylo.)
- Timpani
  Percussion 1 (Tamb., S.D., Tom-toms, Claves, B.D.)
- 2 Percussion 2 (Finger Cymbals, Trgl.,
  - Susp. Cym., Wind Chimes)



#### **About The Music:**

AND THE HEART REPLIES is an original composition in the style of a chorale. It features first the brass choir with a straightforward statement of the chorale, then the woodwind choir, first developing fragments of the chorale before the statement of the secondary theme, which is quiet and reflective and leads to a brief hymn-like tune. The next choir featured is the percussion choir that dramatically develops elements from both preceding themes. The brass choir interrupts with a statement of the hymn-like tune and the piece ends with a final statement of the chorale.

This composition was commissioned by the Indianapolis Symphonic Band, Indianapolis, Indiana, to honor their late director, Mr. Robert Phillips. The title is based on an excerpt from William Cowper's *Winter Walk At Noon*, as follows:

There is in souls a sympathy with sounds; And as the mind is pitched the ear is pleased With melting airs or martial, brisk, or grave: Some chord in unison with what we hear Is touched within us, and the heart replies.

Carefully note both the indicated dynamics and the indicated tempos. The rise and fall of the melodic line should shape the phrasing within the dynamic indicated. The tempos are not meant to be rigid, but should be used as a basis for adding rubato, when felt. Such indications cannot all be marked but must be felt by both the conductor and the band performing the piece.

The flute entrance in m.20 will not be heard until the brass are cut off but will prepare the flutes for the moving line in the following measure. The clarinet line in m.22 should propel toward the calm and reflective oboe solo that follows. The same applies to the flute line in m.25 followed by the reflective alto saxophone part in m.26. At the *A tempo* the accompaniment should be very pastel in color, with careful attention to those notes that are re-articulated. Use a legato tongue with only the briefest separation for clarity. The melodic line, first in the flutes, then 1st clarinet and then oboe, should float above this pastel accompaniment.

At m.48 the tempo is marked Solemnly which also indicates the mood. This section has a hymn-like quality that broadens into bold polychords before ending quite simply and should be played *molto espressivo*.

The finger cymbals should be approximately 2" in diameter with no definite pitch. The suspended cymbal rolls should crescendo throughout the measure to the indicated dynamic and be allowed to ring without stroking on the downbeat of the following measure. Medium mallets are indicated for the timpani. The result should be well articulated with maximum pitch identification as the ostinato-like pattern is based on preceding thematic elements. The vibe part is indicated quasi 3/4 with brackets to identify the phrasing as it harks back to the woodwind themes. Using yarn or cord mallets for the tom-toms should produce an ominous sound. Note the dynamics of the tom-toms which are under the prevailing voices of the xylophone and timpani.

The wind chime entrances at m.83, 93 and 103 should fill the entire measure with the final stroke upward in pitch as indicated by the wavy lines. The decrescendo in the winds on the last two measures should be from *piano* to nothing as the bells reiterate the ascending motif one last time and the wind chimes float until the final decay.

Although not technically taxing, this piece does require long legato phrasing and a maturity of sound and control of dynamics to be musically effective.

**ANNE McGINTY** is a critically acclaimed composer-arranger of music for concert band, from the beginning level to the most advanced. Her intriguing instrumental colors and textures, combined with her masterful compositional skills, set her apart as a unique artist in the field of educational music for concert band. Full Score Duration - ca. 5:50 Commissioned by The Indianapolis Symphonic Band, Indianapolis, Indiana, to honor their late director, Mr. Robert Phillips.

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