

This processional is one of a group of pieces in a suite called *Water Music*. It was composed in 1717 by George Frideric Handel (1685–1759) for a royal water pageant which took place on the Thames River in England. One boat held a 50-piece orchestra and another for the royal party. Spectators and listeners also rode in boats and barges to see the spectacle and hear the music.

Processional

from *Water Music*

Majestic Handel/Monday

A

B

A

B

A

B

A

B

mf

mf

(mf)

f

p

f

rit. 2nd time (no lift)

rit. 2nd time (no lift)