

Beginning Band

Grade 1

Homecoming March

Joseph Compello

BPS62 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score1
Flute
Oboe (Opt. Flute 2)
Clarinet in B
Bass Clarinet in Bb2
Alto Saxophone in E
Tenor Saxophone in B
Baritone Saxophone in Eb2
Trumpet in B
Horn in F
Trombone, Euphonium B.C., Bassoon6
Euphonium T.C. in B
Tuba3
Mallet Percussion
Timpani1
Percussion 1
Percussion 2

Program Notes

Homecoming is a traditionally styled march written for the very youngest bands. The title derives from the tune *Home, Sweet Home* which is the theme of the march's Trio (m. 25). The same tune is also used in the Break-Up Strain (m. 41) by low brass and woodwinds.

Only the first six of the Bb scale are used in this march. Consecutive eighth notes are always on the same pitch. Within this simple framework, beginning bands will be able to experience the classic, American march style. Beginning bands will also have an opportunity to study and perform first and second endings, changing dynamics, slurs, and accented notes. More advanced bands may also perform this march with good effect at a brisker tempo.

Thank you for choosing this composition. I trust you and your students will find it instructive and enjoyable.

—Joseph Compello Glen Arm, Maryland, 2010

About the Composer

Joseph Compello, a native of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, holds degrees in music education from the Peabody Conservatory and Towson University. During his 31 year career as an instrumental music teacher in Maryland, he wrote numerous compositions for his students. In 1994, Carl Fischer began publishing many of these classroom-tested pieces including his debut publication Cadets on Parade, and the 1996 best-seller Rock to the Max, Mr. Sax. Compello's journey from school teacher to internationally published composer was recently chronicled in the Baltimore Sun. His music is now performed worldwide in venues ranging from school concerts to Carnegie Hall. Now retired from teaching with over 100 published works to his credit, Compello continues to draw on his extensive background in music education to compose new music exclusively for Carl Fischer's Performance Series.

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Within each grade level, you will find selections in a variety of styles and genres designed to meet all of your performance and teaching needs. The Carl Fischer composers and arrangers are some of the most respected writers in the business. Their music is dynamic, fresh and eminently worthy of your attention.

Beginning Performance Series

- For the first year band
- Limited instrumentation (bass covered by any low brass woodwind instruments)
- Limited ranges, rhythms (only simple eighth-note patterns), independence of parts
- Playable after limited study time
- Clarinet below break
- Active percussion writing
- Short pieces length is a consideration for young embouchures

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