FULL SCORE



Symphonic Band

Grade 4

Uncle Henry

Howard Akers

Edited By

Gary Reeves

SPS39 INSTRUMENTATION

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Piccolo	
Flute	
Oboe	2
Clarinet in Eb	1
Clarinet 1 in Bb	
Clarinet 2 in Bb	
Clarinet 3 in Bb	4
Bass Clarinet in B	2
Bassoon	
Alto Saxophone 1 in Eb	2
Alto Saxophone 2 in Eb	
Tenor Saxophone in Bb	
Baritone Saxophone in Eb	
Cornet 1 in Bb	
Cornet 2 in B	.3
Cornet 3 in Bb	
Horn 1 in F	
Horn 2 in F	2
Horn 3 in F	2
Horn 4 in F	
Trombone 1	
Trombone 2	
Bass Trombone	
Euphonium T.C. in Bb	
Euphonium B.C.	
Tuba	
Mallet Percussion	
Bells	٠.
Timpani	1
Percussion 1	
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	_
Percussion 2	1
Crash Cymbals	

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Program Notes

Uncle Henry is a majestic and stately march as is partially evidenced by its use of \S meter. The first strain presents a lively melody perhaps reminiscent of a parade or celebration. This sense is heightened at m. 22 by the soaring chromatic figures and flourishes in upper voices above a solid and substantial melody carried by the trombones and other low voices. Of particular merit is the scoring of the trio. Mr. Akers did wonderful work placing the melody in the alto and tenor saxophones, bassoons, horns, and euphonium for a rich and mellow timbre. The upper woodwinds add a delightfully light and delicate countermelody to the mix, while the bell part serves to blend these two elements. At the "break strain," all of the brasses and percussion enter with a robust fanfare to provide a remarkable contrast and variety to the overall structure. The final strain unifies all of the previous elements to provide a grand finale befitting a first-rate composition.

I am sure Henry Fillmore, the dedicatee of this piece, would have delighted in hearing this music, and I hope you and your audience will receive equal pleasure from it. I truly have enjoyed my work in completing this modern edition of Mr. Akers' march, which originally was published by Carl Fischer Music in 1957, approximately one year after Mr. Fillmore's death.

-Gary Reeves

About the Composer

Howard Estabrook Akers was born in Laddonia, Missouri, on July 17, 1913. He began composing while a high school trombonist in Taylorville, Illinois. He won a national solo trombone contest as a high school senior, after which he studied at the Curtis Institute of Music. Mr. Akers earned degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University and was awarded a doctorate from the Chicago Musical College. Akers enjoyed a long and varied teaching career in the public schools and the collegiate ranks. He also served as a guest conductor, lecturer, and adjudicator, with engagements in thirty-three states. Mr. Akers became the first conductor of the Boeing Employees Concert Band in Seattle, Washington, when it was formed in 1979 until shortly before his death on October 1, 1984.

Howard Akers, under both his own name and his pseudonym Archie Masters, composed more than 100 works for band, orchestra, chorus, and ensembles. From 1953 until 1963, he was a school music consultant and editor for Carl Fischer Music of New York.

Akers knew Henry Fillmore and was fond of him and his music. Fillmore's friends often referred to him as "Uncle Henry"; hence, the title of this march. Note the dedication to "Dr. Henry Fillmore." The title stems from an honorary degree that was awarded Fillmore.

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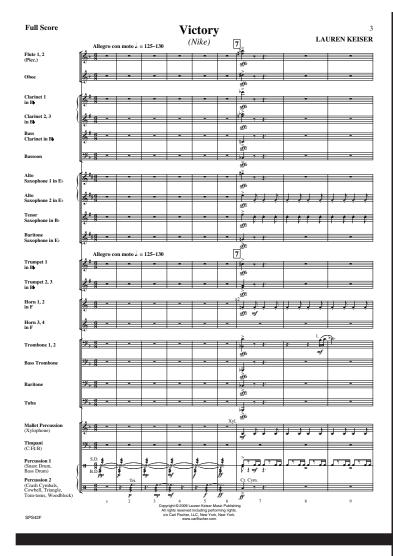
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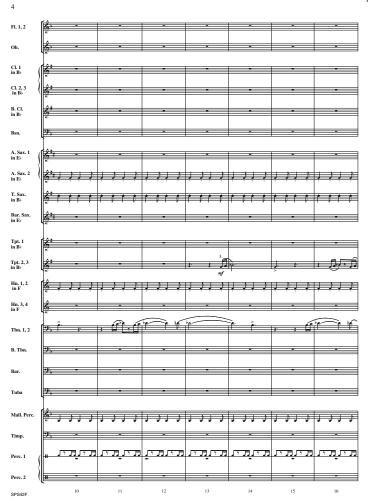


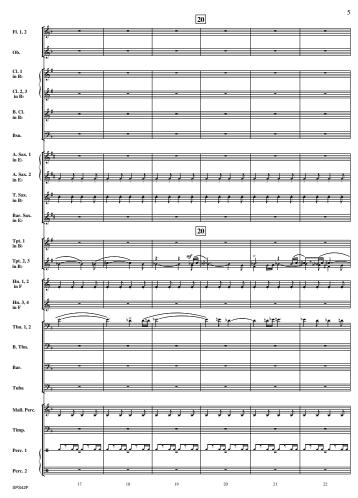
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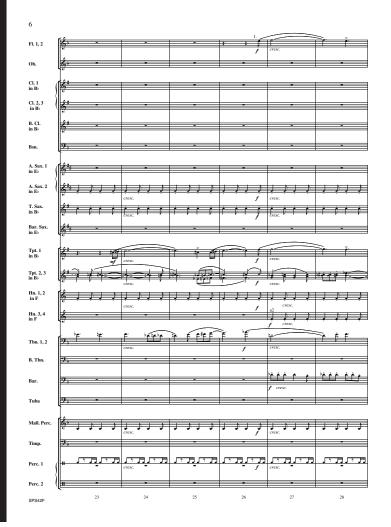


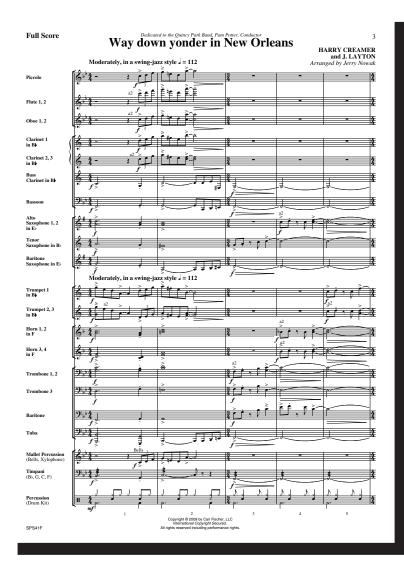






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