First Plus Band



Grade 1.5

# Victory and Celebration

# Alan Lee Silva

### FPS87 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	.1
Flute	.8
Oboe (opt. Flute 2)	.2
Clarinet 1 in Bb	.4
Clarinet 2 in Bb	.4
Bass Clarinet in Bb	.2
Alto Saxophone in Eb	
Tenor Saxophone in Bb	.2
Baritone Saxophone in E	.2
Trumpet 1 in B	
Trumpet 2 in Bb	.4
Horn in F	
Trombone, Euphonium B.C., Bassoon	.6
Euphonium T.C. in Bb	
Tuba	
Mallet Percussion	
Tubular Bells, Glockenspiel, Xylophone	
Timpani	.1
Percussion 1	.2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2	.5
Triangle Suspended Cymbal, Winchimes,	
Tambourine	

#### **Program Notes**

Triumphant brass and soaring woodwinds herald the heroes' successes in this Americana-themed *Victory and Celebration*. The majestic opening begins powerfully with the full ensemble as the trumpets and horns introduce the main melody (A). This main theme uses only the first five notes of the major scale and stays within that range. Strong breath support will be key in creating a pleasing sound and maintaining good pitch at the *forte* dynamic level.

The form is AABACAA followed by the ending section.

Trumpets are featured in unison with the regal (B) melody at m. 17 and are reinforced with the full ensemble at m. 25. A brief diversion occurs in the (C) section at m. 38 with *staccato* question-and-answer phrases between the brass and woodwinds. Repeated sixteenth notes are introduced when we return to the (B) tune with trumpets and horns playing *legato* in the *Maestoso* section at m. 46. The melodic rhythm slows with the dramatic *ritardando* at m. 60. This features the full ensemble playing the main theme *legato* then returning to precise *staccato* articulations as the ending section begins at m. 63. *Tutti staccato* accents at mm. 67-69 conclude the piece with spirit and excitement.

#### **About the Composer**

Alan Lee Silva is a composer, arranger, and orchestrator whose credits include the feature films Cinderella 3 and Enough, and television's 7th Heaven, Brothers and Sisters, and Soul Collector. He scored the independent films Animated American, Full Moon Fables and Eli's Coming and has written songs, arrangements, and background music for theme parks all over the world, including Sea World's Aquatica, Tokyo Disney Sea, Universal Studios Japan and Sesame Street Place.

Alan has enjoyed working with an eclectic mix of clients, including Disney Cruise Lines, Sesame Street, Susan Egan, The Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra, and KISS. His catalogue for Concert Band and String Orchestra is published by Carl Fischer, and his contemporary jazz piece *The Flight* was a favorite on San Francisco radio stations.

Alan lives in Culver City, CA with his wife and two daughters.





























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