

# River Valley Sketches

Matthew Donnelly

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## Instrumentation:

Piccolo - 1  
Flute 1 - 4  
Flute 2 - 4  
Oboe - 2  
Eb Soprano Clarinet - 1 (not shown on score)  
Bb Clarinet 1 - 4  
Bb Clarinet 2 - 4  
Bb Clarinet 3 - 4  
Eb Alto Clarinet - 1 (not shown on score)  
Bb Bass Clarinet - 1  
Eb Contralto Clarinet - 1 (not shown on score)  
Bassoon - 2  
Eb Alto Saxophone 1 - 2  
Eb Alto Saxophone 2 - 2  
Bb Tenor Saxophone - 2  
Eb Baritone Saxophone - 1  
Bb Trumpet 1 - 2  
Bb Trumpet 2 - 2  
Bb Trumpet 3 - 2  
F Horn 1 - 2  
F Horn 2 - 2  
Trombone 1 - 2  
Trombone 2 - 2  
Trombone 3 - 2  
Baritone - 1  
Baritone Treble Clef - 1  
Tuba - 4  
String Bass - 1  
Timpani - 1  
Bells - 1  
Snare Drum, Low Tom-tom, Bass Drum - 2  
Triangle, Mark Tree, Tambourine, Wood Block,  
Shaker, Suspended Cymbal - 4

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*River Valley Sketches* was written as a short musical depiction of Matthew's adopted hometown, New Hamburg, Canada and more specifically, the river that runs through it. The inspiration came from an early morning walk; crossing over the river at the town's main overpass, Matt stopped to take in the quiet beauty of the steady current and soft, constant flow of water. The Nith River's namesake, the Scottish River Nith, also acts as an inspiration. As you listen to the piece, you will notice an echo of Scottish folk music while the tempo and time changes mark the ever mutable ebb and flow of a river.

The first section is a depiction of the river itself; the flowing sixteenth note runs invites the listener to think of water rushing over a dam. The second section of the piece is the sun rising over the river on a clear winter morning, and the final section is a musical description of the bustling New Hamburg downtown. The Nith River flows in Southwestern Ontario and is one of the five main tributaries that feeds the Grand River. Housed on the Nith is Ontario's largest water wheel, which is consequently located at the main overpass in New Hamburg.

This piece won first place in the 2013 Canadian Band Association Composition Competition. Special thanks to the Canadian Band Association and the following organizations for supporting the competition:

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Matthew Donnelly was born and raised in Northern Ontario. He took composition at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., and graduated with a bachelor of music. After finishing his degree he stayed in the region mostly because of its outstanding cultural community, but in part because he had fallen for the charm of the smaller, outlying towns.

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# RIVER VALLEY SKETCHES

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Allegro Scherzando

3

4

5

Piccolo

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe

B♭ Clarinet 1

B♭ Clarinet 2,3

B♭ Bass Clarinet

Bassoon

E♭ Alto Saxophone 1,2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2,3

F Horn 1,2

Trombone 1,2

Trombone 3

Baritone

Tuba

Timpani  
F-B♭-C-E♭

Bells

Snare Drum  
Low Tom-tom  
Bass Drum

Triangle  
Marimba  
Tambourine  
Wood Block  
Shaker  
Suspended Cymbal

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7

8

9

10

11

12

13

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

Ci 1

Ci 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

Ci 1

Ci 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

22      23      24      25      26      27      28      29

Picc      -      -      -      *mp*      -      *mf*      -

Fl 1      -      -      *mf*      -      -      -      -

Fl 2      -      -      *mf*      -      -      -      -

Ob      -      -      -      *mf*      -      -      -

C1 1      -      -      *mp*      *mf* *mp*      -      -

C1 2,3      -      *a2*      *mp*      -      -      -

B Cl      -      -      *mp*      -      -      -

Bsn      -      -      *mp*      -      -      -

A Sax      -      -      -      *mf*      -      -

T Sax      -      -      -      -      *mp*      -

B Sax      -      -      -      -      *mp*      -

Tpt 1      -      -      *mf*      -      -      -

Tpt 2,3      -      -      -      -      -      *mp*

Hn      -      *mf*      *mp*      -      -      -

Trbn 1,2      -      -      -      -      -      *mp*

Trbn 3      -      -      -      -      -      *mp*

Bari      -      *mp*      -      -      -      -

Tuba      -      *mp*      -      -      -      -

Timp      -      -      *p*      -      -      -

Bells      -      -      *mp*      -      -      -

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

Tamb      *mp* < *mf* *mp*      Tri      -      -

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30      31      32      33      34      35      36      37

Picc      Fl 1      Fl 2      Ob      Cl 1      Cl 2,3      B Cl      Bsn      A Sax      T Sax      B Sax      Tpt 1      Tpt 2,3      Hn      Trbn 1,2      Trbn 3      Bari      Tuba      Timp      Bells      S.D.  
 T.T.  
 B.D.      Tri  
 M.T.  
 Tamb  
 W.B.  
 Shake  
 S.C.

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Much faster  $\text{J.} = 112$ 

40

41

42

43

44

45

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

Ci 1

Ci 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

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46

47

48

49

50

51

52

53

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

Ci 1

Ci 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

**PREVIEW ONLY**

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

63      64      65      66      67      68      69      70

Picc  
 Fl 1  
 Fl 2  
 Ob  
 Cl 1  
 Cl 2,3  
 B Cl  
 Bsn  
 A Sax  
 T Sax  
 B Sax  
 Tpt 1  
 Tpt 2,3  
 Hn  
 Trbn 1,2  
 Trbn 3  
 Bari  
 Tuba  
 Timp  
 Bells  
 S.D.  
 T.T.  
 B.D.  
 Tri  
 M.T.  
 Tamb  
 W.B.  
 Shake  
 S.C.

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71      72      73      74 Slightly slower  $\text{♩} = 72$       75      76

Picc  
 Fl 1  
 Fl 2  
 Ob  
 Cl 1  
 Cl 2,3  
 B Cl  
 Bsn  
 A Sax  
 T Sax  
 B Sax  
 Tpt 1  
 Tpt 2,3  
 Hn  
 Trbn 1,2  
 Trbn 3  
 Bari  
 Tuba  
 Timp  
 Bells  
 S.D.  
 T.T.  
 B.D.  
 Tri  
 M.T.  
 Tamb  
 W.B.  
 Shake  
 S.C.

PREVIEW ONLY

77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84

*Andante, flowingly* $\text{♩} = 80$ 

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

Ci 1

Ci 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Tim

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92

Picc -

Fl 1 *mf* Piccolo -

Fl 2 - *mf* play -

Ob *mf* *mp* -

Ci 1 *mf* *mp* -

Ci 2,3 *a2* *mf* *mp* -

B Cl - *mp* -

Bsn *p* *mf* *mp* -

A Sax *p* -

T Sax *p* -

B Sax -

Tpt 1 *p* play *mf* *mf* -

Tpt 2,3 -

Hn *p* -

Trbn 1,2 play *p* *p* -

Trbn 3 *p* -

Bari *p* tuni *mf* *mp* -

Tuba *p* *mf* *mp* -

Timp *p* *mp* -

Bells *p* *mp* -

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D. S.D. *p* *mp* B.D.

Tri M.T.  
Tamb W.B.  
Shake S.C. Tri *p* -

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93            94            95            96            97            98            99            100

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

Oboe cues - 1 player only  
play tutti

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## Allegro (in 6)

$\text{♩} = 180$  ( $\text{♩} = 60$ ) 103 104 105 106 107 108

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

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109

110

111

112

113

114

115

Picc

Fl 1 f

Fl 2 f

Ob f

Cl 1

Cl 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax p

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1 mp

Tpt 2,3 mp

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

W.B. mp

Tri

116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

C1 1

C1 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob

C1 1

C1 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2,3

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

132 133 134 135 136 137 138

Picc

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob *mf*

Ci 1

Ci 2,3

B Cl

Bsn

A Sax *mf*  
a2

T Sax *f*

B Sax

Tpt 1 *mf*

Tpt 2,3 *mf*

Hn

Trbn 1,2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Timp *mf*

Bells

S.D.  
T.T.  
B.D.

Tri  
M.T.  
Tamb  
W.B.  
Shake  
S.C.

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139      140      141      142      143      144

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