FULL SCORE



Symphonic Band

Grade 5

Alexander's Ragtime Band

Irving Berlin

Arranged by

Jerry Nowak

SPS55

INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	1		
Piccolo	1		
Flute 1			
Flute 2			
Oboe			
Clarinet 1 in Bb			
Clarinet 2 in Bb			
Clarinet 3 in Bb			
Bass Clarinet in Bb			
Bassoon			
Alto Saxophone 1 in Eb			
Alto Saxophone 2 in Eb			
Tenor Saxophone in Bb			A .
Baritone Saxophone in Eb			
Trumpet 1 in Bb		_ 74	
Trumpet 2 in Bb			
Trumpet 3 in Bb			
Horn 1 in F			
Horn 2 in F			
Horn 3 in F			
Horn 4 in F	2		
Trombone 1			
Trombone 2			
Bass Trombone			
Euphonium T.C. in Bb			
Euphonium B.C			
Tuba			
Mallet Percussion			
Xylophone, Vibraphone, Bells			
Timpani	1		
Drum Set			

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About the Composition

The suggested swing tempo for this arrangement is a metronome marking of a quarter-note equals 132. The middle section, the verse, should be played at a slower tempo of quarter-note equals 90, but still in a swing style.

Be sure to use a diaphragmatic articulation on the fps in the introduction and the fp on the final chord. All long tones should taper so that the counterpoint may be noticed. To achieve a good swing-style performance, try applying the indicated dynamic to the accented tones and play those notes in between in a lighter manner.

After the verse, there is a jazz-style roll-off at m. 59 that leads to a brass quintet at the beginning of the second chorus at m. 63. The quintet should stand if possible.

Balance the overall ensemble sound so that the melody is always clearly presented throughout the arrangement.

About the Arranger

Jerry Nowak is professor emeritus from Bucks County Community College in Newtown, Pennsylvania, where he taught for 37 years. He has over 900 published compositions and arrangements for instrumental and vocal ensembles. Jerry is a founding member of both the Philadelphia Saxophone Quartet (1968) and the New Jersey Saxophone Quartet (2005). He has conducted professional recording sessions in New York, Philadelphia, Washington D. C. and London, England. He is co-author of Conducting the Music, Not the Musicians and The Art of Expressive Playing, both published by Carl Fischer. He has been teaching conducting annually in Australia since 1985.

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