

# Pierre La Plante

# SONG OF THE MOUNTAIN HORN

## Music of Béla Bartók

### INSTRUMENTATION

1 – Conductor	2 – F Horn 1
3 – Flute 1	2 – F Horn 2
3 – Flute 2	2 – Trombone 1
1 – Piccolo	2 – Trombone 2
1 – Oboe 1/English Horn	2 – Trombone 3
1 – Oboe 2	1 – Euphonium TC
1 – Bassoon 1	2 – Euphonium BC
1 – Bassoon 2	4 – Tuba
3 – B♭ Clarinet 1	1 – Timpani
3 – B♭ Clarinet 2	2 – Mallet Percussion
3 – B♭ Clarinet 3	<i>Orchestra Bells, Marimba, Xylophone</i>
2 – B♭ Bass Clarinet	3 – Percussion 1 <i>Snare Drum, Bass Drum</i>
1 – B♭ Contrabass Clarinet	3 – Percussion 2 <i>Tambourine, Crash Cymbals, Temple Blocks, Ratchet, Whip, Wood Block, Triangle</i>
2 – E♭ Alto Saxophone 1	
2 – E♭ Alto Saxophone 2	
2 – B♭ Tenor Saxophone	
1 – E♭ Baritone Saxophone	
2 – B♭ Trumpet 1	
2 – B♭ Trumpet 2	
2 – B♭ Trumpet 3	

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These settings are based on early piano works by Béla Bartók. They have been freely reimagined and transcribed, with percussion added and phrases repeated or extended. The rhythms, harmonies and melodies are 98% Bartók.

Movements 1, 3 and 4, known collectively as “For Children” and based on Hungarian and Slovakian folk tunes, were composed in 1908-09 for his piano students.

Movement 2, as heard in the orchestral version, is probably the most popular and familiar of the group.

The four movements are as follows:

**1. Dance** (Hungarian) appears in various collections of easy piano pieces under that title and is well known by many young pianists. The original title is “Vigoroso.” Instead of harmonizing the initial statement as in the original version, the trumpets announce the theme, punctuated by chords in the ensemble. The piece then continues with Bartók’s harmonization.

**2. Song of the Mountain Horn** (Romanian), also called Buciumeana (dance from Bucsum), was the fourth movement of the Six Romanian Dances, originally composed for piano in 1915 and later orchestrated in 1917. The marimba is intended to suggest the cimbalum (hammered dulcimer) and may be omitted if not available. The xylophone should not be substituted for the marimba. This is probably the most challenging movement of the four settings.

**3. Allegro ironico** (Hungarian) often shares the title of “Teasing Song” or something similar with the final movement (Fooling), so I opted to use the tempo marking as the title for this movement, which I found both colorful and apropos to the nature of the tune. The original title is somewhat quaint and humorous: “Wedding Day and Night.” The snare drum opens the setting and the main theme is, again, introduced without harmonization.

**4. Fooling** (Slovakian) was originally titled “Former Flame.” At measure 41 I have extended the phrase a few bars leading up to *ritenuto* and added a caesura.

These four short pieces give players an accessible way to experience Bartók’s music, as well as ample opportunity to experience dynamic contrasts and develop rhythmic and stylistic skills.

The English horn is optional in **Song of the Mountain Horn** and is notated a fourth above the oboe. The oboe is not to be played with the English horn. To avoid entering “cold,” the English horn may join with the oboe at the end of the first movement.

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# Preview

## SONG OF THE MOUNTAIN HORN

Music of Bela Bartok

### 1. Dance

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**Allegro robusto**  $\text{♩} = 145 - 154$

Flute 1  
Flute 2

Piccolo

Oboe/  
English  
Horn 1  
Oboe/  
English  
Horn 2

Bassoon 1  
Bassoon 2

B♭ Clarinet 1  
B♭ Clarinet 2  
B♭ Clarinet 3

B♭ Bass Clarinet

+ B♭ Cb. Cl.

E♭ Alto Saxophone 1  
E♭ Alto Saxophone 2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

B♭ Trumpet 1  
B♭ Trumpet 2  
B♭ Trumpet 3

F Horn 1  
F Horn 2

Trombone 1  
Trombone 2  
Trombone 3

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani

Mallet  
Percussion

Percussion 1  
Percussion 2

S. D.



17

Fl. 1 2 f

Picc.

Ob./E. Hn. 1 2 f a2 a2

Bsn. 1 2 f

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3 f

B. Cl. 1 2 f

A. Sax. 1 2 f f

T. Sax. f sim. f f

Bar. Sax. f

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Tpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 f sim. a2 f Tbn., Low WW

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1 2 f > > > >

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Fl. 1  
2 f

Picc. f

Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
2

Bsn. 1  
2

B♭ Cl. 1  
2 a2 f

B. Cl. - Cb. Cl. f

A. Sax. 1  
2 a2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpt. 1 f

2 f

Hn. 1  
2 f 2 1 a2 2

Tbn. 1  
2 a2

Euph. play f

Tba. f

Tim. f

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1 f

2

Fl. 1  
2 *mp*

Picc. *mp*

Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
2 *mp*

Bsn. 1  
2

B♭ Cl. 1  
2 *mp*

B. Cl. + Cb. Cl. *mp*

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpt. 1  
2 *mp*

Hn. 1  
2 *mp*

Tbn. 1  
2

Euph. *mp*

Tba. *mp*

Timp. *mp*  
Orchestra Bells

Mlt. Perc. *mp*

Perc. 1  
2 Cr. Cym. *mp* l. v.

**41**

Fl. 1  
2 ff

Picc. ff

Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
2 ff + E. Hn. ad lib

Bsn. 1  
2 ff

B♭ Cl. 1  
2 ff a2

B. Cl. 1 ff

A. Sax. 1  
2 ff a2

T. Sax. ff

Bar. Sax. ff

**41** ff 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Tpt. 1  
2 ff

Hn. 1  
2 ff a2

Tbn. 1  
2 ff a2

Euph. ff

Tba. ff

Tim. ff

Mlt. Perc. Xyl. ff

Perc. 1 ff ff

2 ff Tamb. ff

+Bells

sfz

damp

## 2. Song of the Mountain Horn

Moderato  $\text{♩} = 68 - 72$

*a2*

Fl. 1 2  
Picc.  
Ob./E. Hn. 1 2  
Bsn. 1 2

**7**  
Cl. 1

*p* *molto express.* *3*

Ob. 1 play E. Hn. *3*

*p*  
(bottom notes for Oboe 1 if no E. Hn.)

*solo or section*

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3  
B. Cl.  
A. Sax. 1 2  
T. Sax.  
Bar. Sax.

*p* *molto express.* *3*  
Ob./E. Hn.  
Cl. 3

*p*

*a2*

Tpt. 1 2 3  
Hn. 1 2  
Tbn. 1 2 3  
Euph.  
Tba.

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*one player*

*p*

*p*

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1 2

Fl. 1  
2

Picc.

Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
2

Bsn. 1  
2

B♭ Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpt. 1  
2  
3

Hn. 1  
2

Tbn. 1  
2  
3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1  
2

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15

Fl. 1  
2 p

Picc. p

Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
2 p

Bsn. 1  
2 p solo or section

B♭ Cl. 1  
2 p

B. Cl. p

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax. p

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

19

Tpt. 1 p

Hn. 1  
2 p

Hn. 1  
2 p

Tbn. 1  
2

Euph.

Tba. Cb. Cl. p

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. Marimba p

Perc. 1  
2

Fl. 1 2 *p*

Picc.

Ob./E. Hn. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2 *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 2 3 *p*

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

**22** **23** **24** **25** **26** **27** **28**

*solo/soli*

a2 *p* play

Hn. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 3 *p*

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1 2

Fl. 1  
2

Picc.

Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
2

Bsn. 1  
2

B♭ Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

29 30 31 32 33 34 mute 35

Tpt. 1  
2  
3

Hn. 1  
2

Tbn. 1  
2  
3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1  
2

**31** *pp*

*poco slargando*

*div.*

*Cl. 1 pp*

*Cl. 3 pp*

*play pp*

*one player pp*

*mute pp*

*play*

*one player*

*Bells*

*(-Mba.)*

## 3. Allegro ironico

6

**Allegro  $\text{♩} = 148$**

Fl. 2  
Picc.  
Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
Bsn. 1  
B<sup>b</sup> Cl. 1  
B. Cl.  
A. Sax. 1  
T. Sax.  
Bar. Sax.  
Tpt. 1  
Hn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Euph.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Mlt. Perc.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2

*solo/soli* *a2* *p*

Bsn. *p*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9

Fl. 1  
2

Picc.

Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
2

Bsn. 1  
2

B♭ Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Tpt. 1  
2

Hn. 1  
2

Tbn. 1  
2  
3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1  
2

**17**

Fl. 1  
Picc.  
Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
Bsn. 1  
B. Cl. 1  
B. Cl. 2  
A. Sax. 1  
T. Sax.  
Bar. Sax.

**17** open      18      19      20      21      22      23      24

Tpt. 1  
Hn. 1  
Tbn. 1  
Euph.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Mlt. Perc.  
Perc.

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33

Fl. 1 2 play *p* *pp*

Picc. *p* *pp*

Ob./E. Hn. 1 2 *a2* *pp*

Bsn. 1 2 *p* *pp*

B<sup>b</sup> Cl. 1 2 *a2* *pp*

B. Cl. play *p* *pp*

A. Sax. 1 2 *a2* *pp*

T. Sax. *pp*

Bar. Sax. *p* *pp*

33 34 35 36 37 38 *play* 39 40 *pp*

Tpt. 1 2 *p* *pp*

Hn. 1 2 *p* *pp*

Tbn. 1 2 *p* *pp*

Euph. *p* *pp*

Tba. *p* *pp*

Tim. *dampened* *p*

Mlt. Perc.

Perc. 1 2 *p* *pp*

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Fl. 1  
2

Picc.

Ob./  
E. Hn. 1  
2

Bsn. 1  
2

B♭ Cl.  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

Tpt. 1  
2

Hn. 1  
2

Tbn. 1  
2

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mit. Perc.

Perc. 1  
2

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**4. Fooling**

**Sostenuto**  $\text{♩} = 100$       **accel.**      **5 Allegro vivace**  $\text{♩} = 140 - 144$

Fl. 1 2  
Picc.  
Ob./E. Hn. 1 2  
Bsn. 1 2  
B♭ Cl. 1 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sax. 1 2  
T. Sax.  
Bar. Sax.  
Tpt. 1 2  
Hn. 1 2  
Tbn. 1 2  
3  
Euph.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Mlt. Perc.  
Perc. 1 2  
Whip

*sfs*      *a2*      *p*      *mp*      *f*      *sf*      *a2 mute*      *p*      *mp*      *p*      *sfz*

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11

Fl. 1  
Picc.  
Ob./E. Hn. 1  
Bsn. 1  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B. Cl.  
A. Sax. 1  
T. Sax.  
Bar. Sax.

Tpt. 1  
Hn. 1  
Tbn. 1  
Euph.  
Tba.

Tim.  
Mlt. Perc.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2

Wood Block

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**Fl.** 1 2

**Picc.**

**Ob./  
E. Hn.** 1 2

**Bsn.** 1 2 *a2*

**B♭ Cl.** 1 2 3

**B. Cl.**

**A. Sax.** 1 2

**T. Sax.**

**Bar. Sax.**

**Tpt.** 1 2 3 *mf* open *mf*

**Hn.** 1 2 3 *mp* *a2* *a2* *p*

**Tbn.** 1 2 3 *mp* *mp*

**Euph.**

**Tba.**

**Timp.** *mp*

**Mlt. Perc.** Xyl. *mf*

**Perc.** 1 2

**Tri.**

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29

Fl. 1 2  
Picc.  
Ob./E. Hn. 1 2  
Bsn. 1 2  
B♭ Cl. 1 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sax. 1 2  
T. Sax.  
Bar. Sax.

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

Tpt. 1 2 3  
Hn. 1 2  
Tbn. 1 2 3  
Euph.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Mlt. Perc.  
Perc. 1 2

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Fl. 1 2  
Picc.  
Ob./E. Hn. 1 2  
Bsn. 1 2  
B♭ Cl. 1 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sax. 1 2  
T. Sax.  
Bar. Sax.

33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

Tpt. 1 2 3  
Hn. 1 2  
Tbn. 1 2 3  
Euph.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Mlt. Perc.  
Perc. 1 2

Xyl.  
*p*

## 41 Precipitato

48 **49** Ritenuto      *accel. e cresc.*      A Tempo

Fl. 1 2 *ff*      *p*      *ten.* *>*  
 Picc. *ff*      *p*      *f ten.* *>*  
 Ob./E. Hn. 1 2 *ff*      *p*      *f ten.* *>*  
 Bsn. 1 2 *ff*      *mp*      *f ten.* *>*  
 B<sup>b</sup> Cl. 1 2 *ff*      *p*      *a2 f ten.* *>*  
 B. Cl. *ff*      *p*      *f ten.* *>*  
 A. Sax. 1 2 *ff*      *p*      *a2 ten.* *>*  
 T. Sax. *ff*      *p*      *f ten.* *>*  
 Bar. Sax. *ff*      *mp*      *f ten.* *>*

48      **49**      50      51      52      53      54 *ten.* *>*

Tpt. 1 2      *mp*      *a2 f ten.* *>*  
 Hn. 1 2      *open mp*      *mp*      *f ten.* *>*  
 Tbn. 1 2 *p play*      *p*      *f ten.* *>*  
 Euph. *ff*      *p*      *f ten.* *>*  
 Tba. *ff*      *p*      *f ten.* *>*  
 Timp. *p*      *p*      *ten.* *>*  
 Mlt. Perc. *ff*      *p*      *f +Bells*  
 Perc. 1 2 *ff*      *p*      *mp*      *f >*  
 Perc. 1 2 *ff*      *p*      *mp*      *Tri.* *f*

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