

Based on an American Folk-dance

Spoon River

Scored by PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER (1882–1961)

Arranged by MICHAEL STORY (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 4 1st B \flat Clarinet
- 4 2nd B \flat Clarinet
- 2 B \flat Bass Clarinet
- 5 E \flat Alto Saxophone
- 2 B \flat Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E \flat Baritone Saxophone
- 4 1st B \flat Trumpet
- 4 2nd B \flat Trumpet

- 4 F Horn
- 4 Trombone
- 2 Baritone
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion
(Xylophone/Bells)
- 1 Timpani
(Tune: F, B \flat , E \flat)
- 2 Percussion 1
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2
(Triangle/Tambourine)

WORLD PARTS

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- Horn in E \flat
- Trombone in B \flat Bass Clef
- Trombone in B \flat Treble Clef
- Baritone in B \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in E \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in E \flat Treble Clef
- Tuba in B \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in B \flat Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Born in 1882 near Melbourne Australia, Percy Aldridge Grainger moved to Frankfurt at the age of 13 and lived in London from 1901–1914, where he developed an interest in folk music.

Grainger moved to America in 1914, and from 1919–1922 wrote a work for solo piano based on the song “Spoon River,” a folk dance fiddle tune played at country dances.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

One of the biggest keys to success in performing *Spoon River* is ensemble consistency in the performance of the various articulations—staccato, tenuto, and accent. Accented notes should be emphasized with air rather than with the tongue. Notes with a tenuto mark should be held full-value and released on the next beat. Staccato notes should be played lightly and short, but never heavy or too short.

The first three notes in the 1st clarinet part in measure 1 (and other measures) can be easily played using the alternate fingering for the B, which is played with the top A key in the left hand and the first right hand side key. This eliminates having to go over the break.

The alto saxophone part from measures 34–42 may be performed by one player if desired.

I hope you find *Spoon River* to be an exciting musical experience!

Michael Story

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FULL SCORE

Approx. Duration - 2:30

Moderately bright ♩ = 120

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Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

1 B♭ Clarinets

2 B♭ Clarinets

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

1 B♭ Trumpets

2 B♭ Trumpets

F Horn

Trombone

Baritone

Tuba

Mallet Percussion (Xylophone/Bells)

Timpani

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

Percussion 2 (Triangle/Tambourine)

mp

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Tune: F, B♭, E♭

The image shows a full score for the piece 'Spoon River'. It includes staves for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, B♭ Clarinets (1 and 2), B♭ Bass Clarinet, E♭ Alto Saxophone, B♭ Tenor Saxophone, E♭ Baritone Saxophone, B♭ Trumpets (1 and 2), F Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Mallet Percussion (Xylophone/Bells), Timpani, Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum), and Percussion 2 (Triangle/Tambourine). The score is in 4/4 time and starts with a key signature of two flats (B♭ and E♭). The tempo is 'Moderately bright' with a quarter note equal to 120 beats per minute. The dynamic marking 'mp' (mezzo-piano) is used for the woodwinds and saxophones. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

1

2

3

4



Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
1
Cls.
2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
1
Tpts.
2
Hn.
Tbn.
Bar.
Tuba
Mlt. Perc.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

mf
mf
mf
mf

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19

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

19

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Xylophone

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Tambourine

mf



Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Snare Drum

mf

35

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

mp

1

2

Cl.

mp

mp

B. Cl.

mp

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

mp

Bar. Sax.

mp

35

1

2

Tpts.

Hn.

Tbn.

mp

Bar

mp

Tuba

mp

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mp

(T. Sax., Bsn.)
mp

(B. Cl., Bar. Sax.)
mp

Trgl.



Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

