



The Explorers

KEITH SHARP

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
 - 8 1st Violin
 - 8 2nd Violin
 - 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
 - 5 Viola
 - 5 Cello
 - 5 String Bass
 - 1 Piano Accompaniment
(Optional)
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This stirring title features a majestic main theme and *pesante* accompanying figures which are catchy and attractive to play. The piece tells a story: its varied musical ideas portray the determination and resilience of explorers as they trek into the challenging unknown, contrasted with calmer experiences and the pleasure that new discoveries bring. A central chorale in G Major encourages *cantabile* sustain and warm tonal blend between the driving outer sections of the piece. All parts share the melodic interest and are thoughtfully written for the technique of developing players. The piano accompaniment is useful for rehearsal purposes or to assist with scaffolding balance, rhythm, and pitch in concert.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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CONDUCTOR SCORE
Duration - 3:20

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Risoluto (♩ = 88-92) 3

Violins
I
II

Viola (Violin III)

Cello

String Bass

Piano Accompaniment (Optional)

Risoluto (♩ = 88-92) 3

Vlns.
I
II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

f pesante *mf* *sim.* *f* *mf* *f* *mf*

11

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

mf broadly

mf broadly

f

f

mf

9 10 11 12

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

13 14 15 16

I
Vlns.
II
Vla. (Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass
Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

19

mp dolce
mp
mf
mf
mp
mf
mp

17 18 19 20

I
Vlns.
II
Vla. (Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass
Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

mf
f
mf
f
mf
f
mp
mf
f

21 22 23 24

27

Vlns.

I

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Lo 1

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.
Accomp.
(Opt.)

25

26

27

28

Vlns.

I

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.
Accomp.
(Opt.)

29

30

31

32

35 Poco meno mosso (♩ = 80-84)

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

ff
mf cantabile
mf cantabile
mf cantabile
mf cantabile

33 34 35 36

35 Poco meno mosso (♩ = 80-84)

Vlns.
I
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

mf cantabile
mf cantabile
mf cantabile

37 38 39 40

43

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

41 42 43 44

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

45 46 47 48

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

p

rit.

49 50 51 52

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

mf broadly

mf broadly

f pesante

f pesante

f pesante

sim.

Pno. Accomp. (Opt.)

f pesante

mf

sim.

53 54 55 56

I
Vlns.
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.
Accomp.
(Opt.)

57 58 59 60

I
Vlns.
II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.
Accomp.
(Opt.)

mp dolce

mp

mf

mf

mp

mp

mf

mp

61 62 63 64

I
Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.
Accomp.
(Opt.)

mp *mf* *f*

65 66 67 68

I
Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Pno.
Accomp.
(Opt.)

f *ff* *f pesante* *f sub.*

69 70 71 72

I
Vlns.
II
Vla.
(Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass
Pno.
Accomp.
(Opt.)

73 74 75 76

This block contains the musical score for measures 73 through 76. It features six staves: Violins I and II, Viola (Violin III), Cello, String Bass, and Piano Accompaniment (Optional). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score includes dynamic markings such as *sim.* (sforzando) and *ff* (fortissimo). A large red watermark is overlaid across the score.

I
Vlns.
II
Vla.
(Vln. III)
Cello
Str. Bass
Pno.
Accomp.
(Opt.)

77 78 79 80

This block contains the musical score for measures 77 through 80. It features the same six staves as the previous block. The key signature remains one sharp (F#). The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* (forte) and *ff* (fortissimo). A large red watermark is overlaid across the score.