YOUNG BAND SERIES

GENTLY

by

BRIAN HOGG

DURATION: 3'40" LEVEL: 2

INSTRUMENTATION

1 - Score 3 - Trumpet 2

6 – Flute 2 – French Horn

2 – Oboe 2 – French Horn 2

2 – Bassoon – Trombone 1

4 - Clarinet 1 3 - Trombone 2

4 – Clarinet 2 2 – Euphonium BC

2 – Bass Clarinet 1 – Euphonium TC

2 – Alto Saxoplen 4 – Tuba

2 – Alto Saxophone 2 1 – Timpani

2 – Tenor Saxophone 2 – Mallets 1 glockenspiel/bass drum

1 – Baritone Saxophone 2 – Mallets 2 suspended cymbal/vibraphone

3 – Trumpet 1 2 – Percussion finger cymbals/bass drum

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Program Notes:

Gently is my response to the question posed by Peter Francis in the notes to Ralph Hultgren's work *Simple Song*: "Why aren't there more slow pieces in three four time?"

Gently should be just that tender, reflective, thoughtful; allowing musicians and listeners to simply breath and let the music speak of gentleness and peace.

Rehearsal Notes:

The notes may be relatively easy, however, the musical concepts presented here demand attention from conductor and musicians. Maintaining a sense of places and direction while playing slowly requires good, correct breathing and mature musicianship.

Be consistently vigilant to ensure the dynamics are at hered to and maintain a warm, full ensemble sound at the *forte* which accompanies the key change.

Much of the music is quite simple production and requires the blending of tones rather than the dominance of one perticular colour; ie: the key change at [50] only has a melody, in the tenor section of the band and a simple quaver ostinato pattern in the upper winds; the bass line is a simple outlining of the harmony. There are many places in the work where the melody needs to be carefully balanced and blended between instrumental colours while the players need to be aware of any counterlines which likewise need the same attention.

Allow the musicians to play with shape within phrases while developing an awareness of tempo and rubato. This is far from 'metronomic' music.

About the Composer:

Brian Hogg while being born in England considered himself to be an Australian and has worked here as a music teacher and educator for many years. Brian was surprised and pleased to be awarded a Citation Of Excellence from ABODA in 2016 as recognition for his work with bands and his output of music for a range of levels.

Brian currently works as a Music Specialist for The Salvation Army Australia and continues to work as a guest conductor with numerous ensembles.

























