

# Pick Up the Pieces

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## INSTRUMENTATION

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Conductor                     | 1st Trombone  |
| 1st E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone  | 2nd Trombone  |
| 2nd E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone  | 3rd Trombone  |
| 1st B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone | 4th Trombone  |
| 2nd B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone | Guitar Chords |
| E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone  | Guitar        |
| 1st B $\flat$ Trumpet         | Piano         |
| 2nd B $\flat$ Trumpet         | Bass          |
| 3rd B $\flat$ Trumpet         | Drums         |
| 4th B $\flat$ Trumpet         |               |

## Optional Alternate Parts

C Flute  
Tuba  
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)  
1st Baritone T.C./B $\flat$  Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)  
2nd Baritone T.C./B $\flat$  Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone)  
3rd Baritone T.C./B $\flat$  Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 3rd Trombone)

JAZZ  
BAND  
SERIES

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This funky tune may have been written in 1974, but it still rocks today! Funky is the key word, from start to finish. The band and especially the rhythm section should keep the energy flowing but never let the groove rush; keep it in the “pocket.” Listen to the original version from the group Average White Band or the demo track at [www.alfred.com/downloads](http://www.alfred.com/downloads).

The rhythmic rock figures in this chart should be approached with precision and accuracy. Each section must think together, listen closely to each other and be consistent. The last sixteenth of the grouping should be short, just as notated. The most important aspect of accurately playing the syncopated rhythms is to think subdivision. Although there are the basic four beats per measure, the underlying implied groove is four groups of sixteenth notes per measure. That concept should help the players when encountering the syncopation. The good news is that the rhythms repeat, so once the band has a grasp, they should become comfortable with the rhythmic figures.

The trombones have background figures that are critical to the groove or feel. For example, in measure eight, the two sixteenths should be played “doo-dit”—short, concise and tight.

In general, accurate articulation is essential to the band sounding tight and clean. Rooftop accents (▲) are played detached; staccato notes are played short but not clipped, but most importantly, play them together. There are a few sharp-9 chords that are distinctive in this chart. For example, beat four in measure 21. Point out to the band that the dissonance created by the ninth and the raised or sharp ninth (an octave and a ½ step apart) is what makes that chord sound so funky—don't let the band shy away from the dissonance—blend it.

At measure 41, the saxes can play the unison soli as a section or you can designate one sax player to play it as a solo if desired. If the section plays it, make sure it's in tune.

Measure 53 is the break-down section. Starting with the bari sax, bass and piano left hand, the band will build section by section. Keep it tight and steady, and think subdivision. The rhythm section drops out at measure 61—keep the energy flowing.

The bass part from measure 6 on is similar; direct the bassist to always practice with a metronome. The guitar player should listen to the drummer and bass player to find the pocket.

Enjoy!

—Victor Lopez



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Rock  $\text{♩} = 96-108$

1st Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

1st Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE

Eb BARITONE SAXOPHONE

1st Bb TRUMPET

2ND Bb TRUMPET

3RD Bb TRUMPET

4TH Bb TRUMPET

1st TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE

3RD TROMBONE

4TH TROMBONE

GIITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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This musical score is for the piece "Pick Up the Pieces" and is intended for a conductor. It features a variety of instruments and vocal parts. The vocalists include Alto 1 and 2, Tenor 1 and 2, Baritone, and Bass. The brass section consists of four Trumpets (Tpt. 1-4) and four Trombones (Tbn. 1-4). The woodwinds include a Saxophone (Sax.) and a Piano (Pno.). The percussion section includes Drums (Drums). The score is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The music is divided into measures, with measure numbers 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 indicated at the bottom. A large red watermark "Preview Only Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the score. A circled number "14" is located in the top right corner of the vocal staves.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

48

G#m7

C#sus

D7(#9)

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

This musical score is for the piece "Pick Up the Pieces" and is page 4 of the conductor's edition. It features a variety of instruments and vocal parts. The vocalists include Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, and Baritone. The brass section consists of four Trumpets (Tpt. 1-4) and four Trombones (Tbn. 1-4). The woodwind section includes a Bassoon (Bsn.). The guitar (Gtr.) and piano (Pno.) parts are also present, with a double bass (Bass) and a drum set (Drums) at the bottom. The score is written in 4/4 time and begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#). A rehearsal mark "23" is placed at the start of the vocal entries. A large red watermark "Preview Only - Legally Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page. The measure numbers 22 through 28 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

31

32

33

34

35

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Chorus

FILL

Gtr7

Gtr7/bb

B

Chorus

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PICK UP THE PIECES

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

UNISON SOLI (OPT. SAX SOLO)

41

36 37 38 39 40 41 42

FILL

CONDUCTOR

PICK UP THE PIECES

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53

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI. w/BASS

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR. N.C.

PNO. G#m7/Bb F#m7/A F#m7/Ab N.C.

BASS w/BARI. SAX N.C.

DRUMS FT (ON SHELL) SH. TOM S.D. across stick (2-3 CLAVE) 53

50 51 52 54 55 56

This musical score is for the piece "Pick Up the Pieces" and is intended for a conductor. It spans measures 57 to 63. The score includes parts for:

- Vocalists:** Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, and Baritone. They all sing the same melody in a homophonic style.
- Brass:** Four Trumpets (Tpt. 1-4) and four Trombones (Tbn. 1-4). The trumpets play a rhythmic accompaniment, while the trombones play the vocal melody.
- Woodwinds:** A Clarinet part (CLAVES) is present, playing a rhythmic accompaniment.
- Strings:** A string section (STR.) is present, playing a rhythmic accompaniment.
- Piano:** A piano part (PNO.) is present, playing a rhythmic accompaniment.
- Drums:** A drum part (DRUMS) is present, playing a rhythmic accompaniment.

The score is written in a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one sharp (F#). A large red watermark "Preview Requires Purchase" is overlaid on the score.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

64 65 66 67 68 69 70

Legal Requirements



This musical score is for the piece "Pick Up the Pieces" and is intended for a conductor. It spans measures 78 to 83. The score includes parts for:

- Vocalists:** Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, and Baritone. Measures 78-80 show vocalists with rests, while measures 81-83 feature active vocal lines.
- Brass:** Trumpets 1-4 and Trombones 1-4. Trumpets play a rhythmic eighth-note pattern, while trombones play a similar pattern in the bass clef.
- Woodwinds:** Saxophone (Sax.) and Piano (PNO.). The saxophone part consists of eighth-note chords, and the piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment.
- Strings:** Bass (BASS) and Drums (DRUMS). The bass line is a simple eighth-note accompaniment, and the drums play a consistent rhythmic pattern.

Measure 81 includes a rehearsal mark and a key signature change to G major. Chord symbols G<sup>9</sup> and G<sup>M7</sup> are indicated above the piano and saxophone parts in measures 81 and 82. A large red watermark "Preview Requires Purchase" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

84 85 86 87 88 89 90

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ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

TBN. 4

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

91 92 93 94 95 96 97

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