

# Before Their Time

Barry E. Kopetz

1 Full Score	3 Trumpet 1
1 Piccolo	3 Trumpet 2
3 Flute 1	3 Trumpet 3
3 Flute 2	2 F Horn 1
2 Oboe	2 F Horn 2
2 Bassoon	2 Trombone 1
3 Clarinet 1	2 Trombone 2
3 Clarinet 2	2 Trombone 3
3 Clarinet 3	2 Baritone B.C.
2 Bass Clarinet	1 Baritone T.C.
2 Alto Saxophone 1	5 Tuba
2 Alto Saxophone 2	1 Timpani
2 Tenor Saxophone	3 Percussion 1 - Snare Drum, Bass Drum
1 Baritone Saxophone	4 Percussion 2 - Suspended Cymbal, Triangle, Tambourine, Crash Cymbals
	1 Percussion 3 - Tom-toms
	2 Percussion 4 - Vibraphone, Bells
	1 String Bass

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## Program Notes

*Before Their Time* was composed to commemorate the tragic passing of Hannah Lewis and Donnie Perry, members of the Morgan High School Band of McConnelsville, Ohio. Involved in a catastrophic automobile accident, the two perished suddenly, leaving behind friends and family to mourn and wonder “why?” The lives of youth are precious and when ended abruptly, the sense of loss is magnified, causing us to reflect more deeply on the importance of the present. Hannah and Donnie will live on in the minds and hearts of their many friends and loved ones, gone before their time, but never to be forgotten.

## Performance Notes

The introduction to *Before Their Time* should be simultaneously *espressivo* and *doloroso* in an effort to capture the bittersweet emotion of the loss of loved ones. At measure 12, the character of the music changes dramatically, and should reflect all of the energy and vigor of youth. The passage at 29 should reflect a warmer lyricism, and the return of the primary theme at 49 should not cover the soaring counter-melody played in the upper woodwinds. The second section (beginning at 66) displays a somber introduction followed by a reflective theme projecting a sense of something in the distance, as a memory that is cherished, but not forgotten. It should be played *molto espressivo*. The return of the original theme at measure 115 (abridged in length) should build toward the dramatic return to B-Flat Major at 129. The natural energy of the music should build to the glorious musical moment at 154, to be followed by two musical climaxes that punctuate the ending. Be certain to drop the dynamic level at 165 to *mf* so as to create musical space for the dramatic, intense *crescendo* that culminates the poignant conclusion of the piece.

## About the Composer

Barry E. Kopetz is Professor of Music and Head of the Music Department at Mississippi State University. Previously, he was Professor of Conducting and Director of Bands at the Capital University Conservatory of Music in Columbus, Ohio. He conducted the Symphonic Winds, Wind Symphony and Chamber Winds and taught both graduate and undergraduate conducting. Kopetz has taught at the University of Utah, the University of Minnesota, Bowling Green State University (Ohio) and in the public schools of South Carolina and Ohio.

# Before Their Time

Barry E. Kopetz  
ASCAP

Doloroso ♩ = 76

Piccolo  
Flute 1  
Flute 2  
Oboe  
Bassoon  
B♭ Clarinet 1  
B♭ Clarinet 2  
B♭ Clarinet 3  
Bass Clarinet  
Alto Saxophone 1  
Alto Saxophone 2  
Tenor Saxophone  
Baritone Saxophone  
B♭ Trumpet 1  
B♭ Trumpet 2  
B♭ Trumpet 3  
F Horn 1  
Trombone 1  
Trombone 2  
Trombone 3  
Baritone  
Tuba  
Timpani  
Percussion 1  
Snare Drum, Bass Drum  
Percussion 2  
Suspended Cymbal, Triangle, Tambourine, Crash Cymbals  
Percussion 3  
Tom-toms  
Percussion 4  
Vibraphone, Bells  
String Bass

Doloroso ♩ = 76  
F, Ab, Eb, F  
Ab to B♭  
mp  
p  
Suspended Cymbal  
pp mp  
Vibraphone (soft yarn mallets)  
arco  
p ♫  
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**poco rall.** [13] **With Youthful Energy** ♩ = 132 Allo.

+ Picc.

Picc. Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

F Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

10      11      12      13      14      15      16      17

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## Before Their Time

29

Picc. Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

F Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

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- Picc.

Picc.  
Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
Bsn.  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2  
T. Sx.  
B. Sx.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
F Hn. 1  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 3  
Bar.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Perc. 4  
Bass

*Soft Yarn mfts.*

*Hn. 1 only*

31 32 33 34 35 36 37

Before Their Time

A musical score page featuring 25 staves of music for various instruments. The instruments listed on the left are: Picc. Fl. 1, Fl. 2, Ob., Bsn., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, B. Cl., A. Sx. 1, A. Sx. 2, T. Sx., B. Sx., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, F Hn. 1, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 3, Bar., Tba., Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, Perc. 4, and Bass. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf*, *f*, and *mf* with a 3:1 ratio bracket. Measure 38 starts with a dynamic *mf*. Measure 39 follows with a dynamic *mp*. Measure 40 has a dynamic *mf*. Measure 41 begins with a dynamic *mf* and includes a 3:1 ratio bracket. Measure 42 features a dynamic *mf*. Measure 43 starts with a dynamic *mf*. Measure 44 concludes with a dynamic *f*. The score also includes performance instructions like '+ Picc.' above the Picc. Fl. 1 staff and 'Sticks' above the Perc. 2 staff.

## Before Their Time

46

Picc. Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 3

F Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

45      *fp* — *mf*      46      47      48      49      50

## Before Their Time

56

Picc. Fl. 1  
 Fl. 2  
 Ob.  
 Bsn.  
 Cl. 1  
 Cl. 3  
 B. Cl.  
 A. Sx. 1  
 A. Sx. 2  
 T. Sx.  
 B. Sx.  
 Tpt. 1  
 Tpt. 2  
 F Hn. 2  
 Tbn. 1  
 Tbn. 3  
 Bar.  
 Tba.  
 Timp.  
 Perc. 1  
 Perc. 2  
 Perc. 3  
 Perc. 4  
 Bass

**poco rall.****molto rall.**

Picc. Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

dim. poco a poco

Cl. 3

dim. poco a poco

B. Cl.

dim. poco a poco

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1 only

F Hn. 1

dim. poco a poco

Tbn. 1

dim. poco a poco

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

dim. poco a poco

Bar.

mp dim. poco a poco

div.

Tba.

dim. poco a poco

**poco rall.**

molto rall.

Timp.

B $\flat$  to A $\flat$

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

dim. poco a poco

**p**

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

dim. poco a poco

Bass

dim. poco a poco

66 Tempo I ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )

Picc.  
Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

F Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

*mp*

*legato*

*Bsn. cue*

*mp*

*p*

*legato e lontano*

*mp*

*legato e lontano*

*mp*

*legato*

*legato*

*legato e lontano*

*legato e lontano*

*legato e lontano*

*legato e lontano*

*mp*

*p*

*(+ 2)*

*mp*

*legato e lontano*

*p*

*legato e lontano*

*Bsn. cue*

*Play*

*p*

*legato e lontano*

*p*

*legato*

*unis.*

*p*

*legato*

*p*

*legato*

*Susp. Cym.*

*(Tamb.)*

*pp*

*p*

*p*

*soft yarn mts.*

*p*

*pp*

*p*

*legato*

65      66 *P* *legato*      67      68      69      70      71

**74 Sempre Memoria**

Fl. 1 - Solo

Picc. Fl. 1

Oboe cue *mp* *molto espr.*

Fl. 2 Solo *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn. *p*

Cl. 1 *p*

Cl. 2 *p*

B. Cl. *p*

A. Sx. 1 *p*

A. Sx. 2 *p*

T. Sx. *mp bring out*

B. Sx. *p*

Tpt. 1

Hn. cue

Tpt. 2 *mp bring out*

F Hn. 1 *a2 bring out*

Tbn. 1 *T. Sx. cue*

Tbn. 2 *mp bring out*

Tbn. 3 *Bsn. cue*

Bar.

Tba.

**74 Sempre Memoria**

cue ala pizz. (only play if no St. Bass)

Timp. *p* ala pizz.

Perc. 1 Sus. Cym. w/ dr. stick (Tri.) (Sus. Cym.)

Perc. 2 *p*

Perc. 3

Perc. 4 *pp* pizz.

Bass

## Before Their Time

82

Fl. 1 - tutti

Picc. Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn.

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Sx. 1 *mp*

A. Sx. 2 *mp*

T. Sx. *mp*

B. Sx.

Hn. cue Play Tpt. 1 *mf* a2

Tpt. 2 *mp* legato

F Hn. 1 *mp* legato

Tbn. 1 *p* *p* legato

Tbn. 3 Play

Bar. *p*

Tba. *p*

Tim. *p*

Perc. 1 (Tri.) (Tamb.)

Perc. 2 *pp* *p* (soft yarn mallets)

Perc. 3 *p* lightly

Perc. 4 *p* arco

Bass *ped.*

## Before Their Time

89

Picc. Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

F. Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

*mp dolente*

*p sotto voce* *mf dolente*

*mp*

*mf dolente*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*a2 dolente*

*sotto voce*

*Trb. 1 only*

*mf*

*Sus. Cym. (yrn. mfts.)* *pp* *p*

*pizz.*

*ped.*

*mf*

*mf*

87                    88                    89                    *mp* 90                    91                    92                    93                    *mf*

**poco rall.**

Fl. 1 - one player

**poco rall.** 97 **A tempo ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )**

Picc. Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
Bsn.  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
a2  
Cl. 3  
mf firmly  
B. Cl.  
A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2  
T. Sx.  
B. Sx.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
mf  
F Hn. 1  
Hn. 2  
mf firmly  
Hn. cue  
con tenerezza  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Bar.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
pp  
p  
Perc. 3  
mp  
Perc. 4  
Bass  
arco  
pizz

**poco rall.** 97 **A tempo ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )** **poco rall.**

Fl. 1 - one player  
*mp* one player  
*mp*

**A tempo molto rall. A tempo poco rall. A tempo**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

F Hn. 1

Trb. 1 only

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Play

div.

unis.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

arco

102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109

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## Energico ♩ = 132

Fl. 1 - one player

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Fl. 1      *p*      *pp*

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.      *pp*

Cl. 1      *p*      *pp*      *Cl. 2 only*

Cl. 2      *p*      *pp*

B. Cl.      *pp*

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2      (+ Hn. 2)      Hn. 1 only      (+ Hn. 2)

F Hn. 1      *p*      *pp*      *p*      *legato*

Tbn. 1      *a2*      *p*      *pp*

Tbn. 3

Bar.      *pp*      *div.*

Tba.      *pp*      *unis.*      *p*      *legato*      *(one player)*

Timp.      *(no roll)*      *pp*      *pp*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4      *p*

Bass.      *p*      *legato*

Energico ♩ = 132

115      A♭ to B♭; E♭ to F

110      111      112      113      114      115      116      117

Fl. 1 - tutti

**122 Con Insistenza**

Picc. Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
Bsn.  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2  
T. Sx.  
B. Sx.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
F Hn. 1  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 3  
Bar.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Perc. 4  
Bass.

*mf* *mp* *piu legato*

a2 a2

*mf* *mp* *piu legato*

*mf* *mp* *piu legato*

*mp*

*mf*

*mp* *piu legato*

*mf* *mp* *piu legato*

*mp*

*mf*

*mp* *piu legato*

*mf* *mp*

*mp* *div.*

*mf* *mp* *tutti*

*mp*

*pp* *mf* *mp* *Sus. Cym. (w/ sticks)* *p*

*mf* *mp* *w/ soft yarn mfts.* *mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

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129

Picc. Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2  
Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

F Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

+ Picc.  
- Picc.

*f* legato

*f* legato

*f* legato

*f*

*mf* non legato  
(+3)

*mf* non legato

*mf* with impulse

*piu f* legato

*piu f* legato

*mf*

*f*

*mf* non legato

*a<sub>2</sub>*

*piu f* legato

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*unis.*

*f*

**129** *mf* with impulse

*mf* with impulse

*choke*

*mf*

*w/ drum sticks*

*mf*

Bells (Rubber Mts.)

*f*

125      126      127      128      129      **129** *mf* with impulse      130

## Before Their Time

137

Picc. Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

F Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

mp — mf  
mp — mf  
mp — mf  
mp — legato  
mf legato  
a2  
mf legato  
mp legato  
mp — mf  
mp — mf  
mp — mf  
fp — mf  
mf legato  
mp — mf  
fp — mp legato  
137

131      132      133      134      135      136      137

## Before Their Time

Fl. 1 div. (no Picc.)

Picc.  
Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

F Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass.

138      139      140      141      142      143      144

Before Their Time

Picc.  
Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2

F Hn. 1  
F Hn. 2

Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

unis. div.      unis.

3      3

mf      mf

mp      mf

mf      mf

to Bells

154

**Gloriously!**

+ Picc.  
Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
Bsn.  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sx. 1  
A. Sx. 2  
T. Sx.  
B. Sx.  
Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
F Hn. 1  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 3  
Bar.  
Tba.

154

**Gloriously!**

Tim.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
dr. sticks  
Perc. 3  
Bells (Plastic Mlts.)  
Perc. 4  
Bass

152

153

154

155

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157

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A musical score for orchestra and percussion. The score includes parts for Picc. Fl. 1, Fl. 2, Ob., Bsn., Cl. 1, Cl. 3, B. Cl., A. Sx. 1, A. Sx. 2, T. Sx., B. Sx., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, F Hn. 2, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3, Bar., Tba., Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, Perc. 4, and Bass. The score is marked with dynamic instructions such as +Picc., f, sfp, mf, a2, unis., Solo, and p. Measure numbers 158 through 163 are indicated at the bottom.

Instrumentation:

- Picc. Fl. 1
- Fl. 2
- Ob.
- Bsn.
- Cl. 1
- Cl. 3
- B. Cl.
- A. Sx. 1
- A. Sx. 2
- T. Sx.
- B. Sx.
- Tpt. 1
- Tpt. 2
- F Hn. 2
- Tbn. 1
- Tbn. 2
- Tbn. 3
- Bar.
- Tba.
- Timp.
- Perc. 1
- Perc. 2
- Perc. 3
- Perc. 4
- Bass

Movement:

- +Picc.
- f
- sfp
- mf
- a2
- unis.
- Solo
- p

Measure Numbers:

- 158
- 159
- f
- 160
- 161
- sfp
- 162
- 163

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**164**

**168 Building Intensity**

**164**

**168 Building Intensity**

164      165      166      167      168      169

Before Their Time

- Picc.

Picc. Fl. 1 *mp cresc. poco a poco*

+ Picc.

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn. *mp cresc. poco a poco*

Cl. 1 *mp cresc. poco a poco*

Cl. 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 *mp cresc. poco a poco*

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1 *mp cresc. poco a poco*

Tpt. 2 3

F Hn. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Tbn. 3

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bass

170      171      172      173      174      175