

Aliens Among Us

(They're Here)

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1 Full Score	4 Trumpet 1
8 Flute	4 Trumpet 2
2 Oboe	4 F Horn
2 Bassoon	6 Trombone
4 Clarinet 1	2 Baritone B.C.
4 Clarinet 2	2 Baritone T.C.
2 Bass Clarinet	4 Tuba
2 Alto Saxophone 1	1 Timpani
2 Alto Saxophone 2	3 Percussion 1: Wood Blocks, Temple Blocks, Tambourine
2 Tenor Saxophone	3 Percussion 2: Ride Cymbal, Triangle, Small Wood Block
1 Baritone Saxophone	3 Percussion 3: Wind Chimes, 2 Tom-Toms
	1 Bells (or Piano)

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Program Notes

First they arrived in Aliens Landing (in your backyard!), then they attacked in Alien Invasion and now they're here! They must have liked what they found because they decided to stay, well-disguised then blend right in but the spooky and eerie sounds give them away as they try to hide among us.

About the Composer

David Gorham has been director of bands at Owasso, Oklahoma High School since 1989. The Owasso bands enjoy a wonderful reputation as being one of the finest school band programs in the nation, consistently receiving superior ratings in competitions for many years while performing some of the finest band literature available. In addition to performances throughout the state and region, the band has appeared in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on three different occasions. With over 50 band compositions published by Wingert-Jones Publications, Gorham has clearly established himself as one of the premier composers of music for school bands, not only in the United States, but throughout the world.

Achievement Series Lesson Guide

Every selection in the Wingert-Jones *Achievement Series* features concise learning objectives that support the **National Standards for Arts Education**.

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National Standards addressed through this publication:

- #2 Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
- #5 Reading and notating music.
- #6 Listening to and analyzing and describing music.
- #9 Understanding the music in relation to history and culture.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This selection provides an excellent opportunity to work on *contrasting musical styles*. Light, separated styles should contrast with smoother more smooth styles, as well as with the heavier, separated accented styles. Attention to dynamic markings, and dynamic contrast are important aspects of any good performance. Make a clear distinction between the various dynamic marking. Students change from duple meter (4 quarter notes in a measure) to triple meter (3 quarter notes in a measure), and back and forth, keeping a constant length quarter note.

MUSIC THEORY

KEY: Concert g minor scale. Learn or review the scale and arpeggio, which is printed at the top of each player's part.

Key of G Minor

Concert G Minor Scale and Arpeggio

A musical staff in G minor key signature (one sharp) and common time (indicated by a '4'). It shows a scale starting on G, followed by an arpeggio pattern. The staff has four measures of common time.

TIME SIGNATURE

4 - The upper number indicates that there are three beats to a measure. The lower number indicates that a quarter note receives one beat.

DYNAMIC MARKINGS

p (piano) – soft

mp (mezzo piano) – moderately soft

mf (mezzo forte) – moderately loud

f (forte) – loud

crescendo (—>) – gradually get louder

diminuendo, or decrescendo (—<) – gradually get softer

STYLE INDICATORS

accent (>) – emphasis on a note or chord. Accented notes are separated

staccato (.) – detached, separated and light

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Mysteriously $\text{d} = 80$

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

Clarinet 1

Clarinet 2

Bass Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet 1/2

F Horn

Trombone 1/2

Baritone

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion 1
Wood Blocks, Temple Blocks, Tambourine

Percussion 2
Ride Cymbal, Triangle, Small Wood Block

Percussion 3
Wind Chimes, Tom-toms

Wind Chimes

Mallets
Bell Tree, Orchestra Bells

Bell Tree: play random notes in free time

$\text{d} = 80$

p

2 3 4 5 **p** 6 7 8

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10

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

F Hn.

Tbn. 1

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Woodblocks

Coin on cym.

Perc. 2

Triangle

Perc. 3

Mlts.

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18

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. *mp*

+ A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx. *mf*

18 Tpt. 1 - mute *p*

F Hn. *mf*

a2

Tbn. 1

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts. Bells *mp*

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26

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

F Hn.

Tbn. 1

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts.

mf

mf

26

Tutti - open

mf

mf

mf

I IV

mf

Temple Blocks

Small Woodblock w/ Stick tip *mf*

f

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34

Fl. *f* *mp*

Ob. *f* *mp*

Bsn. *f*

Cl. 1 *f*

Cl. 2 *f*

B. Cl.

A. Sx. *f* *mp*

T. Sx. *f*

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1 *f*

F Hn. *f* *mp*

Tbn. 1

Bar. *f*

Tba. *f*

Timp.

Perc. 1 Ride Cymbal

Perc. 2 Tom-toms *mf*

Perc. 3 *mp*

Mlts. *mf*

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42

46 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

42

46 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

mp Tambourine

41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

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54

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

F Hn.

Tbn. 1

Bar.

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts.

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

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60 A tempo**65**

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1₂

F Hn.

Tbn. 1₂

Bar.

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts.

60 A tempo

65 f

Wind Chimes

Toms

60 A tempo

65 f

59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67

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73

A tempo

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

F Hn.

Tbn. 1

Bar.

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts.

73

A tempo

73

68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75

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A tempo**83**

Musical score for orchestra and wind chimes, page 83. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Clarinet 1 (Cl. 1), Clarinet 2 (Cl. 2), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sx.), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sx.), Bass Saxophone (B. Sx.), Trumpet 1 (Tpt. 1), Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Trombone 2 (Tbn. 2), Bass Trombone (Bar.), Tuba (Tba.), Timpani (Timp.), Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), Percussion 2 (Perc. 2), Percussion 3 (Perc. 3), and Mallets (Mlts.). The score is in 3/4 time, key signature is one flat. Measure 76 starts with a dynamic of $\text{mf} \longrightarrow p$. Measures 77-80 show various woodwind entries with dynamics $\text{mf} \longrightarrow p$. Measures 81-84 feature a sustained note from Bass Trombone (Bar.) with dynamics $p \longrightarrow mf$, followed by a dynamic of p and a wavy line indicating wind chimes.

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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1
2

F Hn.

Tbn. 1
2

Bar.

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts.

Bell Tree: play random notes in free time