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The Gem Bay

by Lalo Davila
Medium - 3:45 / 12+ Players

Instrumentation

**Xylophone, Vibes, (3) 4.0 octave Marimbas
(players 2 and 4 may share a marimba),
Djembe, Congas, Timbales w/ Cowbell, Shaker,
Drum Set, Bass Guitar**

***Optional - Bb Trumpet, Trombone, Steel Pans...
(Lead, Double Second, Double Tenor, Cellos, Bass), Vocal***

Performance Notes:

The concept of this piece is a play on the word "Djembe". As the story goes, a man sets out on a boat to find a precious stone "Gem". He sees an island where he is sure that he would locate the Gem. He encounters a group of people dancing all around. And as he gets closer to dancers, he can hear this wonderful sound/groove and wonders what exactly it is. Much to his surprise, it was the sound of the "Djembe". He shouts out "Listen to The Sound".

There is an optional "open" djembe solo prior to everyone coming in on the third bar. The actual djembe solo is 16 bars in length, but it could be longer depending on the conductor/performer. A solo on a pan/marimba/vibraphone can be added after the djembe solo as an additional option. They can improvise over the I, IV, V7, IV progression, cued back to letter E and play to the end.

Optional Steel Drum Instrumentation for "The Gem Bay"

*Xylophone/Marimba One - Lead Pan
Marimba Two - Double Second
Marimba Three - Double Tenor
Marimba Four - Cellos
Bass Guitar - Bass Pan*

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$\text{♩} = 120-128$ Party-like

2 3 4 5

Xylophone

Vibes

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Bb Trumpet

Trombone

optional open Djembe solo before bar 1.

Djembe

f

Congas

f

Timbales

f

Shaker

Drum Set

f

Bass Guitar

Vocal

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6 7 8 9 10

Xylophone

Vibes

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Bb Trumpet

Trombone

Djembe

Congas

Timbales

Shaker

Drum Set

Bass Guitar

Vocal

This musical score page contains measures 6 through 10 of the piece 'The Gem Bay'. The instruments are arranged in a standard orchestral layout. Measures 6, 7, 8, and 9 are marked with measure numbers at the top. Measure 10 is also marked. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Xylophone, Vibes, Marimba 1, Marimba 2, Marimba 3, Marimba 4, Bb Trumpet, Trombone, Shaker, Bass Guitar, and Vocal:** All have whole rests in measures 6, 7, 8, and 9. In measure 10, they have whole rests.
- Djembe:** Measures 6, 7, and 8 have whole rests. In measure 9, it plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents (^) on the first, third, and fifth notes. In measure 10, it plays a quarter note followed by a quarter rest.
- Congas and Timbales:** Measures 6, 7, and 8 have a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents (^) on the first and third notes. In measure 9, they have whole rests. In measure 10, they have whole rests.
- Drum Set:** Measures 6, 7, and 8 have a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents (^) on the first and third notes. In measure 9, it has a whole rest. In measure 10, it has a whole rest.

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26 27 28 29 30

Xylophone

Vibes

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Bb Trumpet

Trombone

Djembe

Congas

Timbales

Shaker

Drum Set

Bass Guitar

Vocal

The musical score for measures 26 through 30 of 'The Gem Bay' is presented on page 6. The score is written for a large ensemble, including woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings. The key signature is one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The measures are numbered 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 at the top of the page. The instruments listed on the left are Xylophone, Vibes, Marimba 1, Marimba 2, Marimba 3, Marimba 4, Bb Trumpet, Trombone, Djembe, Congas, Timbales, Shaker, Drum Set, Bass Guitar, and Vocal. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and articulation marks.

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B

41 42 43 44 45

Xylophone
f

Vibes
f

Marimba 1
f

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Bb Trumpet

Trombone

Djembe

Congas

Timbales

Shaker

Drum Set

Bass Guitar

Vocal
f

I took a trip on the o - cean to find a G - em

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F

101 102 103 104 105

Xylophone

Vibes

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Bb Trumpet

Trombone

Djembe

Congas

Timbales

Shaker

Drum Set

Bass Guitar

Vocal

And then we looked a -

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pg. 22

This musical score page, titled "The Gem Bay" and labeled "pg. 22", covers measures 106 through 110. The score is arranged for a large ensemble, including woodwinds, brass, percussion, strings, and vocals. The key signature is one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The percussion section is particularly active, featuring Djembe, Congas, Timbales, Shaker, and Drum Set. The woodwinds (Xylophone, Vibes, Marimba 1-4) and strings (Bb Trumpet, Trombone, Bass Guitar) provide harmonic support. The vocal line is at the bottom, with lyrics provided for each measure. Dynamics such as *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte) are indicated throughout the score. The page concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at measure 110.

106 107 108 109 110

Xylophone *f* *mf*

Vibes *f* *mf*

Marimba 1 *f* *mf*

Marimba 2 *f* *mf*

Marimba 3 *f* *mf*

Marimba 4 *f* *mf*

Bb Trumpet

Trombone

Djembe *mf*

Congas *mf*

Timbales *f* *mf* %

Shaker %

Drum Set *f* *mf* %

Bass Guitar *f* *mf*

Vocal

round, to lis - ten to that sound. And then we sought it out it

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pg. 34

This musical score page, titled "The Gem Bay" and labeled "pg. 34", contains measures 166 through 169. The score is arranged for a large ensemble, including woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings. Measures 166 and 167 are marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. Measures 168 and 169 are marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The percussion section, including Djembe, Congas, Timbales, Shaker, and Drum Set, features complex rhythmic patterns with many sixteenth notes. The woodwinds (Xylophone, Vibes, Marimba 1-4) and brass (Bb Trumpet, Trombone) parts have melodic lines with various articulations like accents and slurs. The Bass Guitar and Vocal parts are also present, with the Vocal line being a simple melody. The score is written in a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C).

166 167 168 169

Xylophone

Vibes

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Marimba 3

Marimba 4

Bb Trumpet

Trombone

Djembe

Congas

Timbales

Shaker

Drum Set

Bass Guitar

Vocal