

DOUG BEACH MUSIC PRESENTS

Commissioned by the South Dakota Music Education Association  
for the First Annual South Dakota Middle School All State Jazz Band.

# A Darker Shade Of Blue

style: swing • difficulty level: medium easy • duration 4:15

by Doug Beach

## INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score  
C Solo Sheet  
Eb Solo Sheet  
Bb Solo Sheet  
C Bass Clef Solo Sheet  
Flute (opt.)  
Clarinet (opt.)  
\*Alto Sax 1  
\*Alto Sax 2  
\*Tenor Sax 1  
Tenor Sax 2  
\*Baritone Sax  
\*Trumpet 1  
\*Trumpet 2  
\*Trumpet 3  
Trumpet 4  
Horn in F (opt.)  
\*Trombone 1  
\*Trombone 2  
Trombone 3  
Trombone 4  
Tuba (opt.)  
Guitar  
Vibes (opt.)  
\*Piano  
\*Bass  
\*Drums

This chart playable by fewer than the standard number of instruments;  
\* above indicates essential parts.

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## TO THE DIRECTOR

The minor blues is an important form that receives considerably less attention than traditional blues. This piece provides students with the opportunity to perform and understand this important harmonic form. Emphasize the importance of careful attention to articulation markings and playing in time throughout.

After a strong introduction, the lower voices state the melody at measure 5. Trumpets take over the melody at measure 17 with saxes and trombones providing support. Make sure that the background does not overshadow the melody here. The saxophone solo at measure 29 needs a good sense of balance from all 5 players as well as following the line with dynamics.

The ensemble at measure 41 sets up the first soloist beginning at measure 45. Measure 53 may be opened up for as many soloists as desired, with backgrounds on cue.

Keep the soft shout at measure 65 easy, but don't lose the intensity. Finally, the shout chorus leads to one last look at the melody.

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Doug Beach has built a career that includes performing (trumpet), teaching, adjudicating, publishing and composing. Inspired by his interest in playing, writing and teaching, in 1975 he established the publishing company which bears his name. Three years later, Doug joined the faculty of Elmhurst College in Illinois as director of jazz studies; in the years since, his band has toured Europe often and has appeared with jazz greats Gary Smulyan, Dennis Mackrel, Nicholas Payton, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Patti Austin, Lee Konitz, Jeff Hamilton, Bobby Shew and others. In 1996, the Count Basie Orchestra and New York Voices recorded his arrangement of "Cottontail" on a CD that went on to win the Grammy Award for best large jazz ensemble.

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FULL SCORE

SWING ( $\text{♩} = 106 - 132$ )

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**A Darker Shade Of Blue - 2**

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1st Eb Alto Sax  
2nd Eb Alto Sax  
1st Bb Tenor Sax  
2nd Bb Tenor Sax  
Eb Baritone Sax  
1st Bb Trumpet  
2nd Bb Trumpet  
3rd Bb Trumpet  
4th Bb Trumpet  
1st Trombone  
2nd Trombone  
3rd Trombone  
4th Trombone  
Guitar  
Piano  
Bass  
Drums

Bbm7      Fm6      Gm7(b5)      C+7(#11)      Fm6      C+7

9      10      11      12      13      14      15      16

### A Darker Shade Of Blue - 3

(17)

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comp F#M16      F+7(#9)      Bbm7      F#M16      Ab13

CHORDS CLUED ON PART

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**A Darker Shade Of Blue - 4**

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1st Eb Alto Sax

2nd Eb Alto Sax

1st Bb Tenor Sax

2nd Bb Tenor Sax

Eb Baritone Sax

1st Bb Trumpet

2nd Bb Trumpet

3rd Bb Trumpet

4th Bb Trumpet

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

4th Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

(Gm7(b5))

C+7

Fm6

C7(F#)

Gb13

Fm1

C+7(#9)

Fm6

Fm17 Bbm17

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25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

**A Darker Shade Of Blue - 5**

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1st Eb Alto Sax

2nd Eb Alto Sax

1st Bb Tenor Sax

2nd Bb Tenor Sax

Eb Baritone Sax

1st Bb Trumpet

2nd Bb Trumpet

3rd Bb Trumpet

4th Bb Trumpet

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

4th Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

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33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

TIME

F#m6

D+G#(B)

Gm7(b5)

C+7

F#m6

C+G#(B)

full

f

# A Darker Shade Of Blue - 6

(41)

Sample Solo

1st Eb Alto Sax

2nd Eb Alto Sax

1st Bb Tenor Sax

2nd Bb Tenor Sax

Eb Baritone Sax

1st Bb Trumpet

2nd Bb Trumpet

3rd Bb Trumpet

4th Bb Trumpet

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

4th Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

SOLO BEGINS - ANY INSTR. (CHORD CHANGES IN ALL PARTS)

Bbm7

Fm16

Gm7(b5)

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# A Darker Shade Of Blue - 7

53 OPEN FOR SOLOS - BKGS. ON CUE

Sample Solo      50      51      52      53      54      55      56      57

1st Eb Alto Sax      F#m7

2nd Eb Alto Sax

1st Bb Tenor Sax      C+7(#9)

2nd Bb Tenor Sax

Eb Baritone Sax

1st Bb Trumpet

2nd Bb Trumpet

3rd Bb Trumpet

4th Bb Trumpet

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

4th Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

Chords Cued: C+7(#9), Gb7, F#m7, F#m7

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**A Darker Shade Of Blue - 8**

Sample Solo

1st Eb Alto Sax

2nd Eb Alto Sax

1st Bb Tenor Sax

2nd Bb Tenor Sax

Eb Baritone Sax

1st Bb Trumpet

2nd Bb Trumpet

3rd Bb Trumpet

4th Bb Trumpet

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

4th Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

(BbM17)      Fm16      Gm17(b5)      C+7      Fm16      C+7

58      59      60      61      62      63      64

# A Darker Shade Of Blue - 9

(65) EASY

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1st Eb Alto Sax  
2nd Eb Alto Sax  
1st Bb Tenor Sax  
2nd Bb Tenor Sax  
Eb Baritone Sax  
1st Bb Trumpet  
2nd Bb Trumpet  
3rd Bb Trumpet  
4th Bb Trumpet  
1st Trombone  
2nd Trombone  
3rd Trombone  
4th Trombone  
Guitar  
Piano  
Bass  
Drums

42075      65      66      67      68      69      70      71      72

**A Darker Shade Of Blue - 10**

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73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

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**A Darker Shade Of Blue - 11**

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1st Eb Alto Sax  
2nd Eb Alto Sax  
1st Bb Tenor Sax  
2nd Bb Tenor Sax  
Eb Baritone Sax  
1st Bb Trumpet  
2nd Bb Trumpet  
3rd Bb Trumpet  
4th Bb Trumpet  
1st Trombone  
2nd Trombone  
3rd Trombone  
4th Trombone  
Guitar  
Piano  
Bass  
Drums

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**A Darker Shade Of Blue - 12**

(89)

1st Eb Alto Sax  
2nd Eb Alto Sax  
1st Bb Tenor Sax  
2nd Bb Tenor Sax  
Eb Baritone Sax

1st Bb Trumpet  
2nd Bb Trumpet  
3rd Bb Trumpet  
4th Bb Trumpet

1st Trombone  
2nd Trombone  
3rd Trombone  
4th Trombone

Guitar  
Piano  
Bass  
Drums

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F M16  
F M17  
Bb M17  
CHORDS CUED

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**A Darker Shade Of Blue - 13**

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1st Eb Alto Sax

2nd Eb Alto Sax

1st Bb Tenor Sax

2nd Bb Tenor Sax

Eb Baritone Sax

1st Bb Trumpet

2nd Bb Trumpet

3rd Bb Trumpet

4th Bb Trumpet

1st Trombone

2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

4th Trombone

Guitar

Piano

Bass

Drums

42075      97      98      99      100      101      102      103      104