

MUSIC FOR BRASS BAND

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On Alderley Edge

Peter Graham

Full Score

Instrumentation:

British Brass Band

Percussion (3-4 players):

Percussion 1 (Timpani (30" 28" 25"), Bass drum, Sus. cymbal, Bell tree, Clash cymbal, Xylophone, Triangle);

Percussion 2 (Tam-tam, Tubular bells, Vibraphone, Bell tree, Tambourine, Clash cymbal, Bass drum);

Percussion 3 (Bass drum, Snare drum, Clash cymbal, Triangle, Cymbal, Glockenspiel, Claves)

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Composer's Note

The North Cheshire village of Alderley Edge is dominated by a 600 foot wooded escarpment (known locally as the Edge) where evocatively titled landmarks such as Wizard's Well, Stormy Point and The Devil's Grave have inspired storytellers for centuries. This work presents a musical portrayal of many of these sites and also recalls some of the legends which have arisen from them. In dealing with the subjects of the forest, myths and folklore, parallels with the German Romantic Opera tradition became apparent to me and it seemed appropriate to draw upon sources and in some cases the language of that particular period in music history. Hence the references to Weber's masterpiece **Der Freischutz** and the ideas of a redemption theme and the triumph of good over evil. This latter notion also has a resonance with the brass band test-piece tradition of Percy Fletcher, Cyril Jenkins et al. It is therefore perhaps doubly fitting, as we approach the millennium, for a nostalgic reminder of both the ethos and style of this period in the development of the brass band repertoire.

The music itself could be considered to be a series of tone pictures. **The Armada Beacon** (the highest point on the Edge from where the advance of the Spanish Armada was signalled) presents some musical fireworks with a Spanish twist. The timeless nature of the ancient **Golden Stone** (reputed to have mythical properties) is evoked by a chaconne while the machine-like drive of the **Engine Vein Mine** is represented by a meccanico section. **The Holy Well** is outlined by the redemption theme (a pastiche aria) while in Stormy Point fragments of the **Dies Irae** can be heard against the brooding storm music. **The Devil's Grave** (making reference to the *Wolf's Glen* scene from **Der Freischutz**) completes the core of the work which is framed by a Prologue and Epilogue.

The **Prologue** sets the forest scene in the offstage horn call which also makes reference to the most enduring of the legends of Alderley Edge. A subterranean cavern is said to house a sleeping army who will rise if ever the country is in peril. Entrance to the cavern is by way of iron gates which are hidden in the landscape. Locals have their own ideas of the whereabouts of the gates and it is said that music (the horn call) from the cavern can still be heard at nights. In true local tradition I have signposted the entrance with a melody woven into the fabric of one of the landmarks. The mystery continues!

Peter Graham, June 1997

About the Composer



Born in Scotland, Peter Graham read music at Edinburgh and London Universities (Goldsmiths' College).

His music for brass and wind is performed across the globe, from China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea and Singapore in the Far East, across North and South America and in every major European country.

Awards include the American Bandmasters Association/Ostwald Award for Original Composition for Symphonic Winds and the Iles Medal of the Worshipful Company of Musicians

On Alderley Edge duration c. 15:00

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Sop. Cor. *molto* *p*

Solo Cor. *molto* *p* Two

Rep. Cor. *molto* *p*

2nd Cor. *molto* *p* One

3rd Cor. *molto*

Flugel *molto*

Solo Hn. *molto*

1st Hn. *molto*

2nd Hn. *molto*

1st Bar. *molto*

2nd Bar. *molto*

1st Tbn. *molto*

2nd Tbn. *molto*

Bass Tbn. *molto*

Euph. *molto* *p subito*

Bass Eb *molto* *p subito* Stagger breathing

Bass Bb *molto* *p subito* Stagger breathing

Perc. 1 *molto*

Perc. 2 Tubular bell Vibraphone *p*

Perc. 3 *molto* *p*

The musical score is written for a large ensemble. It begins with a 4-measure introduction. The Cor Anglais section (Soprano, Solo, Repetition, 2nd, 3rd) plays a melodic line starting in the 4th measure, marked 'molto' and 'p'. The Flugel and Horns (Solo, 1st, 2nd) also play this line. The Trumpets (1st, 2nd) and Trombones (1st, 2nd, Bass) are silent. The Euphonium, Bass Eb, and Bass Bb play a sustained line, marked 'molto' and 'p subito', with 'Stagger breathing' instructions. The Percussion section includes Tubular bell, Vibraphone, and a third percussionist playing a rhythmic pattern marked 'molto' and 'p'.

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8

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.
Solo (open (offstage, distant))
(*mf cantabile*)

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.
Open
p

2nd Tbn.
Open
p

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb
mp

Bass Bb
mp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

The musical score is for a brass and percussion ensemble. It features 18 staves. The top five staves are for Cor Anglais (Soprano, Solo, Repetition, 2nd, 3rd). The next five are for Horns (Solo, 1st, 2nd). The next four are for Trombones (1st, 2nd, Bass, and Euphonium). The bottom four are for Percussion (1, 2, and 3). The score is in 3/2 time and consists of 8 measures. The Solo Horn part has a melodic line starting in measure 3, marked *mf cantabile*. The 1st and 2nd Trombone parts have a sustained harmonic line, marked *p* and *mp* respectively. The Euphonium and Bass parts also have sustained lines. The Percussion parts provide a rhythmic foundation.

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Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

(mf)

Return to seat

p

mp

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5

20 **A** Poco piu mosso e cantabile

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. Solo (open) *mp*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor. Both open *p*

3rd Cor. Open *p*

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn. Open *p*

2nd Hn. Open *p*

1st Bar. Open *p*

2nd Bar. Open *p*

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph. Solo (open) *mp*

Bass Eb *p*

Bass Bb *p*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Bell tree *p*

Perc. 3

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25

Tempo primo
(Muted)

rall.

Sop. Cor. *pp subito*

Solo Cor. Tutti open *p*

Rep. Cor. (Muted) *pp subito*

2nd Cor. Muted *pp subito*

3rd Cor. Muted *pp subito*

Flugel Open *p*

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. Muted *pp subito*

2nd Tbn. Muted *pp subito*

Bass Tbn. Muted *pp subito*

Euph. 2. *p*

Bass Eb *p*

Bass Bb *p*

Perc. 1 Bass drum *p*

Perc. 2 Vibes. *p*

Perc. 3

The musical score is written for a large ensemble. It begins with a 4/4 time signature, which changes to 3/4 and then back to 4/4. The score includes parts for Soprano and Solo Cornets, Repetition Cornets, 2nd and 3rd Cornets, Flugel, Solo Horn, 1st and 2nd Horns, 1st and 2nd Trombones, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Bass Eb, Bass Bb, and three types of percussion. Key performance instructions include 'Tutti open' for the Solo Cornet, 'Muted' for several brass instruments, and 'pp subito' (pianissimo subito) for many of the brass parts. The tempo changes from 'Tempo primo' to 'rall.' (rallentando) towards the end of the piece. The score is marked with measure numbers 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

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THE ARMADA BEACON

31 **Allegro** ♩. = 84

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F

THE GOLDEN STONE

Tranquillo e cantabile ♩ = 58

22

105 **stringendo**

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Both

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

ff

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

p

p

p

p

Bell tree

p

112

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Solo

mp

p

p

Sus. cym.

p

To Vibes.

117

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

1. cup mute

Cup mutes

Solo

Both

Bell tree

Vibes.

Glock.

118

135

1 Meccanico ♩ = 144+

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

St. mute

mf

St. mute

mf

pp

dim.

pp

mf

mp

mf

pp

mf

mp

f

f

fp

mf

mp

dim.

mf

mp

Bass drum

mp

Clash cym. (choke)

f

Claves

mf

mp

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42

THE HOLY WELL
Andante misterioso ♩ = 76

217 (tr)

Sop. Cor. *ff* *mf*

Solo Cor. *ff*

Rep. Cor. *ff*

2nd Cor. *ff*

3rd Cor. *ff*

Flugel *mfpp* *mfpp* *mfpp*

Solo Hn. *mf*

1st Hn. *mfpp* *mfpp* *mfpp* (*p*)

2nd Hn. *mfpp* *mfpp* *mfpp* (*p*)

1st Bar. *f* *ff* *mfpp* *mfpp* *mfpp*

2nd Bar. *f* *ff*

1st Tbn. *fp* *ff*

2nd Tbn. *fp* *ff*

Bass Tbn. *fp* *ff*

Euph. *f* *ff*

Bass Eb *mp subito*

Bass Bb *mp subito*

Perc. 1 Cym. *f* Choke *f* Vibes. *p* Timp.

Perc. 2 *mf*

Perc. 3 Glock. *mf*

223

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Cup mute

mp

pp

p

mf

tr

1.

mp

p

mf

tr

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44

O Andante espressivo
♩ = 72

230 **ritenuto**

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. *Solo* *mp* *3*

Rep. Cor. *pp* *mp* *mp*

2nd Cor. *pp* *mp* *mp*

3rd Cor. *pp* *mp* *mp*

Flugel *mp* *p* *mp*

Solo Hn. *mp* *p* *mp*

1st Hn. *mp*

2nd Hn.

1st Bar. *mp*

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn. *pp* *Open* *p* *mp*

2nd Tbn. *pp* *Open* *p* *mp*

Bass Tbn. *Open* *p* *mp*

Euph. 1. *mp* *p* 2. *mf* *mp*

Bass E♭ *3* *p* *Both* *mf* *mp*

Bass B♭ *3* *p* *Both* *mf* *mp*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 *mp*

237

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Open

mp

Open

mp

mp

mp

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R *STORMY POINT*
Allegro agitato ♩ = 168

51

274 *accel.*

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

detached

detached

cresc.

fp

cresc.

fp

mp

mp

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[illegible]

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53

[illegible]

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288

Sop. Cor. *St. mute* *mf*

Solo Cor. *Two st. mutes* *mf*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel *mp*

Solo Hn. *mp*

1st Hn. *mp*

2nd Hn. *mp*

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *f*

Perc. 3

The musical score is for a piece titled "On Alderley Edge". It features a variety of instruments including Cor Anglais (Soprano, Solo, and Repetition), Horns (Flugel, Solo, 1st, and 2nd), Trumpets (1st and 2nd), Trombones (1st, 2nd, and Bass), Euphonium, Bass Eb, Bass Bb, and three types of Percussion. The score is divided into measures, with some measures containing complex rhythmic patterns and others being rests. Dynamic markings such as *mf*, *mp*, and *f* are used throughout. The time signature changes from 7/16 to 4/8 and back to 7/16. The page number 54 is indicated at the top left, and the measure number 288 is at the top of the first staff.

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55

292

Sop. Cor. *mp* *mf* *f* *ff* *sostenuto*

Solo Cor. *mp* *mf* *f* *ff* *All (open)*

Rep. Cor. *cresc. poco a poco* *ff*

2nd Cor. *cresc. poco a poco* *ff*

3rd Cor. *cresc. poco a poco* *ff*

Flugel *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

Solo Hn. *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

1st Hn. *cresc. poco a poco* *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

2nd Hn. *ff*

1st Bar. *cresc. poco a poco* *ff*

2nd Bar. *cresc. poco a poco* *ff*

1st Tbn. *cresc. poco a poco* *mp* *f* *ff*

2nd Tbn. *cresc. poco a poco* *mp* *f* *ff*

Bass Tbn. *cresc. poco a poco* *mp* *f* *ff*

Euph. *f* *ff*

Bass Eb *cresc. poco a poco* *ff*

Bass Bb *cresc. poco a poco* *ff*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Tam-tam *f*

Perc. 3 *cresc. poco a poco* *ff*

THE DEVIL'S GRAVE
rall.

315

Sop. Cor. *fff*

Solo Cor. *fff*

Rep. Cor. *fff*

2nd Cor. *fff*

3rd Cor. *fff*

Flugel *mp dim.* *p*

Solo Hn. *mp dim.* *p*

1st Hn. *mp dim.* *p* *pp*

2nd Hn. *mp dim.* *p* *pp*

1st Bar. *fff* *pp*

2nd Bar. *fff* *pp*

1st Tbn. *mp dim.* *pp*

2nd Tbn. *mp dim.* *pp*

Bass Tbn. *mp dim.* *pp*

Euph. *fff* *mp sost.* *dim.* *3*

Bass Eb *fff* *mp dim.* *Both* *mp sost.* *dim.* *3*

Bass Bb *fff* *mp dim.* *Both* *mp sost.* *dim.* *3*

Perc. 1 *fff*

Vibes. (motor on)

Perc. 2 *mf*

Perc. 3

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60

Lusingando ♩ = 84

[illegible]

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S *EPILOGUE*
Andante espressivo ♩ = 72

61

329 **S** Andante espressivo ♩ = 72

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

335

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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63

341

slent. **Vivace** ♩ = 132

Sop. Cor. *ff*

Solo Cor. *ff*

Rep. Cor. *ff*

2nd Cor. *ff*

3rd Cor. *f*

Flugel *f*

Solo Hn. *f*

1st Hn. *f*

2nd Hn. *f*

1st Bar. *ff*

2nd Bar. *f*

1st Tbn. *ff* *f* ³

2nd Tbn. *ff*

Bass Tbn. *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Bass Eb *f*

Bass Bb *f*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *f* *ff*

Perc. 3 *f* Glock.

This is a page of a musical score for a concert band, titled "On Alderley Edge". The page number is 63. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins at measure 341. The tempo and mood are marked "Vivace" with a metronome marking of 132 beats per minute. The dynamics range from fortissimo (ff) to piano (f). The instrumentation includes Soprano and Solo Cornets, Repetition Cornets, 2nd and 3rd Cornets, Flugel, Solo and 1st/2nd Horns, 1st and 2nd Baritone, Bass Baritone, Euphonium, Bass Eb, Bass Bb, and three types of percussion (Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3). Percussion 3 includes a Glockenspiel. The score features various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. The percussion parts are particularly active, with Perc. 2 and Perc. 3 playing rhythmic patterns. The woodwinds and brass parts provide harmonic support and melodic lines.

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347

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor.

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flugel

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bass Tbn.

Euph.

Bass Eb

Bass Bb

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Tubular bells

350 **rall.** *lunga*

Sop. Cor. *ff* *fff* *lunga*

Solo Cor. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

Rep. Cor. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

2nd Cor. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

3rd Cor. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

Flugel *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

Solo Hn. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

1st Hn. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

2nd Hn. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

1st Bar. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

2nd Bar. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

1st Tbn. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

2nd Tbn. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

Bass Tbn. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

Euph. *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

Bass Eb *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

Bass Bb *ff* *mp* *fff* *lunga*

Perc. 1 *ff* *tr* *tr* *tr* *fff* *lunga*

Perc. 2 *mf* *fff* *lunga*

Perc. 3 *ff* *Clash cym.* *mf* *fff* *lunga*