In The Bleak Midwinter

featuring Kendor Konvertible instrumentation style: bossa nova duration 3:30

arranged by Kris Berg

INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score C Solo Sheet Eb Solo Sheet Bb Solo Sheet F Solo Sheet C Bass Clef Solo Sheet Flute (opt.) Bb Clarinet (opt.) *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

*2nd Bb Trumpet
3rd Bb Trumpet
4th Bb Trumpet
Horn In F (opt.)
*1st Trombone
2nd Trombone
3rd Trombone
4th Trombone
Tuba (opt.)
Guitar
Guitar Chord Chart
Vibes (opt.)

*Bass *Drums

This chart playable by fewer than the standard number of instruments;

* above indicates essential parts.

*Piano



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TO THE DIRECTOR

Imagine if you will, a world where Gustov Holst and Antonio Carlos Jobim hang out for coffee once a week! In such a universe, this arrangement of *In The Bleak Midwinter* would be a natural outcome of such a friendship!!

This arrangement begins with a rubato choral. This should be well balanced and pretty, not too loud and lacking edginess. After the fermata at measure 8, the new tempo starts at measure 9. Drums play a fill into measure 11 and the bossa nova groove takes over.

At measure 15, balance the tenor saxes and trombones, and then ballance the different lines at measure 23. Exaggerate the fp crescendo at measure 38, play the 2 beats at 39 loud and the bring it back down.

The solo section at measure 53 is open for any soloist, with solo sheets provided in all keys which includes a sample written solo and scales that can be used to encourage young players to create their own solo. Only play the last two eighth notes of measure 68 as a lead-in to the short chorus at measure 69. Be sure there is plenty of air in the horns to get that big sound.

Measure 82 stays big as it restates the bridge from earlier. The last melody is restated and leads into a short vamp with a modulation of sorts - be sure to watch accidentals. A ritard at the end leads into a short last note with muted trumpets over the top. A blend of mutes and cups is best as indicated, but any combination should work fine.

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Kris Berg has written popular big band charts for over 20 years. Kris frequently performs at jazz festivals and has appeared or recorded with artists such as Wayne Bergeron, Phil Woods, John Pizzarelli, Kurt Elling, Randy Brecker, and many others. As an educator, Kris conducts numerous All-State and All-Region bands around the country each year. Kris Berg and the Metroplexity Big Band have released two widely acclaimed CD's, *Time Management* and *This Time/Last Year*, and have garnered 8 Global Music Awards.

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