



A Percy Grainger Portrait

**Featuring Irish Tune from County Derry, Mock Morris, My Robin Is to the Greenwood Gone,
and Children's March "Over the Hills and Far Away"**

By Percy Aldridge Grainger
Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
 - 8 1st Violin
 - 8 2nd Violin
 - 5 Viola
 - 5 Cello
 - 5 String Bass
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The innovative variety found in the music of Percy Grainger is showcased in this string-friendly arrangement of four of his endearing favorites from the concert repertoire. The arrangement presents a highly musical programming option for concert or contest, written to bring out the very best from your players.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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PROGRAM NOTES

The boundless creative energy and passion for life of Australian-born composer and pianist Percy Aldridge Grainger (1882–1961) is reflected in the four works included in this eclectic sampling of his music:

Irish Tune from County Derry

No doubt the most beloved folk song of all time, Grainger turned this simple tune into an emotional concert work, full of rich harmonies and powerful sonorities. Settings include solo piano (1911), chorus (1912), string orchestra with two horns (1913), and military band (1918).

Mock Morris

In the composer's own words: "The rhythmic cast of "Mock Morris" somewhat resembles traditional English Morris Dance tunes, though no actual traditional tune was made use of. The piece was prompted by the motto, 'Always merry and bright.'

My Robin Is to the Greenwood Gone

Written in 1912, this work is based on the folk song of the same name, taken from William Chappell's 1893 collection, *Old English Popular Music*. Not a complete and formal arrangement of the tune, Grainger called this a 'free ramble,' where the only direct connection to the original tune is in the first nine stated notes, corresponding to the first line of the text.

Children's March: Over the Hills and Far Away

The closing section of the medley draws upon the initial 1918 solo piano version of this buoyant and happy original. The composer later developed these themes in a major 400+ measure concert work in scorings for military band (1919) and two pianos/four hands (1920).

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 4:15

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Flowing; not too slowly (♩ = 80)

Violins

Viola

Cello

String Bass

p

p

p

mf

p

1 2 3 4

Vlins.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mp

mp

mp

mp

5 6 7 8 *mp* 9

10

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

10 11 12 13

Vlns.

II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

14 15 16 17

div.

17

Vlns. I *mf*

Vlns. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Cello *mf*

Str. Bass *mf*

18 19 20 21

div. V

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

22 23 24 25

V

div.

26 *div.* *poco rit.*

Vlns. I *f* *mp*

Vlns. II *f* *mp*

Vla. *f* *mp*

Cello *f* *mp*

Str. Bass *f* *mp*

26 27 28 29 30

33 Merrily (♩ = 160)

Vlns. I *mf*

Vlns. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Cello *mf*

Str. Bass

31 32 33 34

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

35 36 37 38

Violins I and II: Measures 35-38. Violin I has a trill in measure 36. Viola: Measures 35-38. Cello: Measures 35-38. String Bass: Measures 35-38.

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

39 40 41 42

Violins I and II: Measures 39-42. Viola: Measures 39-42. Cello: Measures 39-42. String Bass: Measures 39-42.

43 44 45 46

Vlins. I *f* *div.* *mf*

Vla. *f* *mf*

Cello *f* *mf*

Str. Bass *f* *mf*

47 48 49 50

Vlins. I *f* *mf*

Vla. *f* *mf*

Cello *f* *mf*

Str. Bass *f* *mf*

Violins I and II: *f*, *mf*

Viola: *f*, *mf*

Cello: *f*, *mf*

String Bass: *f*, *mf*

Rehearsal mark 53

Vlns.
Vla.
Cello
Str. Bass

Musical score for Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass, measures 55-58. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Measures 55 and 56 contain musical notation for all parts, while measures 57 and 58 are empty staves. A large red watermark "Preview Use" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

59 60 61 62

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

div. *div.*

63 64 65 66 67

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mp *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*

div. *div.*

65 Simply and gracefully (♩ = 100)

73 -4

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

68 69 70 71 72 73

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

74 75 76 77 78 79

85 -1

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

80 81 82 83 84 *f* 85

div. rit. div.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

86 87 88 89 90 91

92 Jauntily (♩. = 116)

Score for measures 92-95, Jauntily (♩. = 116). The score is for five parts: Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked as ♩. = 116. The dynamic is *mf* (mezzo-forte). A rehearsal mark -3 is present above the first measure of Vlns. I.

Measures 92-95 show a rhythmic pattern in the strings, primarily consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. Vlns. I has a melodic line with some grace notes. Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass provide a steady accompaniment. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

Score for measures 96-100, Jauntily (♩. = 116). The score is for five parts: Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked as ♩. = 116. The dynamic is *mf* (mezzo-forte). A rehearsal mark -3 is present above the first measure of Vlns. I.

Measures 96-100 continue the rhythmic pattern. Measures 99 and 100 include first and second endings. Vlns. I has a melodic line with some grace notes. Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass provide a steady accompaniment. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

101

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

div.

f

101 102 103 104 105

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

1. 2.

106 107 108 109 110

111

Vlns. I *mf*

Vlns. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Cello *mf*

Str. Bass *mf*

111 112 113 114

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

115 116 117 118

119

Vlns. I *f*

Vlns. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Cello *f*

Str. Bass *f*

119 120 121 122 123

Vlns. I *ff*

Vlns. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Cello *ff*

Str. Bass *ff*

124 125 126 127