Sleep Baby Sleep

Arranged for Beginning Band

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Instrumentation

Flute Trumpet Clarinet French Horn

Alto Sax Trombone/Baritone/Electric Bass

Tenor Sax Tuba

Percussion

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This arrangement basically uses a 7-note scale in Bb major (ti, Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol and La) and is written in a "theme and variations" format. All the instruments get to play the unison melody in the first chorus. Rhythmic variations follow with simple, appropriate harmonies. The most difficult rhythm for is 8th notes in groups of four.

The percussion parts basically mirror the wind parts. I generally add other percussion instruments for performance. Students should be instructed to use the following rule for choosing which part to play on their instrument: tambourine & woodblock = play the snare part; cymbals, triangle = play the bass drum part. Effective muting techniques should be instructed for cymbals and triangle to eliminate bleeding into the rests. An orchestra bell part is not included - students should use the Flute part to play bells. All notes with an "x" instead of a notehead should be played on the rim of the drum.

Good luck and have fun! If you have time, I would appreciate feedback regarding this arrangement. Email me through my website (www.bandsolution.net) and let me know how it worked for your band. Also, check the website periodically for new instructional materials, as I am always writing new stuff to help improve the experience of my students in band.

Sincerely,

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