

Symphonic Scherzo:

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for

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dedicated to:

*The Mayor of Richmond Councillor Robert White from Capt Ben Ruffer,
The Royal Corps of Army Music, and the military community
of Catterick Garrison.*

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A brief note....

This piece was commissioned by Capt. Ben Ruffer on behalf of The Royal Corps of Army Music, for a concert due to take place in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Richmond, North Yorkshire on 7th March 2025.

The Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Robert White would be guest of honour, and this piece was commissioned to recognise his support to all members of Catterick Military Garrison, and specifically his relationship with British Army Band Catterick.

Councillor White, the dedicatee, is a veteran of the Royal Corps of Signals, and the melody I have used for the basis of this piece, Begone Dull Care, is used as the Corps March of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Aside from its role as the Corps March, the origin of this tune goes back into the annals of 17th Century English folk song, and is therefore truly in the public domain. There is considerable precedent for British composers to tap into our rich heritage of traditional music, and Begone Dull Care was brought back to life on an artistis level by none other than Benjamin Britten.

To have the opportunity to have my own take on this marvellous tune myself, and to be able to dedicate it to a worthy veteran (with apologies to the Royal Signals!), was an extremely satisfying and rewarding process, and I'm grateful to Capt Ruffer for concieving of the idea.

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Alla Marcia ($\text{J} = 112$)

The musical score consists of 17 staves, each representing a different brass instrument or percussion part. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Eb Soprano Cornet, Solo Bb Cornet 1/2, Solo Bb Cornet 3/4, Repiano Bb Cornet, 2nd Bb Cornet, 3rd Bb Cornet, Bb Flugelhorn, Solo Eb Horn, 1st Eb Horn, 2nd Eb Horn, 1st Bb Baritone, 2nd Bb Baritone, 1st Bb Trombone, 2nd Bb Trombone, Bass Trombone, Bb Euphonium, Eb Bass, Bb Bass, Timpani, Tenor Drum, and Cymbals. The score is set in common time (indicated by a 'C') and key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is Alla Marcia with a tempo marking of $\text{J} = 112$. Dynamics such as *mp* (mezzo-forte) and *p* (pianissimo) are indicated where applicable. The Tenor Drum part includes a dynamic marking of *p* (pianissimo) and a sixteenth-note rhythmic pattern.

11

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

This musical score page contains 21 staves of music. The measures start with the Flug. (Flute) staff playing eighth-note patterns. The T. D. (Timpani) and Cym. (Cymbals) staves also play eighth-note patterns. The other staves are mostly silent. The page number 2 is located at the top left.

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A

Sop. Cor. *mp*

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn. *mp*

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar. *mp*

2nd Bar. *mp*

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D. A

Cym.

29

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

37 B

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E Bass

Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

45

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E \flat Bass

B \flat Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

53 C

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

Both players

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

61

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

69 D

Sop. Cor. *ff*

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4 *f*

Rep. Cor. *f*

2nd Cor. *f*

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn. *f*

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn. *f*

Bs. Tbn. *f*

Euph.

E♭ Bass *f*

B♭ Bass *f*

Tim. hard sticks *f*

T. D. D

Cym.

77

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

85 *Più mosso e maestoso* (♩ = 118)

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

93

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

Eb Bass

Bb Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

101 Poco più mosso ($\text{J.} = 124$)

E

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

Eb Bass

Bb Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

Poco più mosso ($\text{J.} = 124$)

E

f

f

E

ff

f

108

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

115

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

121 F

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

130

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

137 G

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor. *p*

3rd Cor. *p*

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar. *p*

2nd Bar. *p*

1st Tbn. *p*

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn. *p*

Euph. *p*

E♭ Bass *p*

B♭ Bass *p*

Tim. *p*

T. D. G *p*

Cym.

143

Sop. Cor. *mp* *f* *p*

Solo Cor. 1/2 *mp* *p*

Solo Cor. 3/4 *f*

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor. *mp* *f*

3rd Cor. *mp* *f*

Flug.

Solo Hn. *mp* *p*

1st Hn.

2nd Hn. *f*

1st Bar. *mp* *f*

2nd Bar. *mp* *f*

1st Tbn. *mp* *f* *p*

2nd Tbn. *f*

Bs. Tbn. *mp* *f*

Euph. *mp* *f* *p*

E♭ Bass *mp* *f*

B♭ Bass *mp* *f*

Timp. *tr* *mp* *f*

T. D. *mp*

Cym. *p*

Poco più mosso ($\text{♩} = 132$)

149

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

Poco più mosso ($\text{♩} = 132$)

To S. D.

Snare Drum

fff

155

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

Eb Bass

Bb Bass

Timp.

S. D.

Cym.

163 [H]

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor. *ff*

2nd Cor. *ff*

3rd Cor. *ff*

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn. *ff*

2nd Hn. *ff*

1st Bar. *ff*

2nd Bar. *ff*

1st Tbn. *ff*

2nd Tbn. *ff*

Bs. Tbn. *ff*

Euph.

E♭ Bass *ff*

B♭ Bass *ff*

Tim.

S. D. *ff*

Cym.

L'istesso tempo, maestoso ($\text{♩} = 132$)

I

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

S. D.

Cym.

177

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

186

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

J

f

J

f

195

K

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

211

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

The musical score page contains 18 staves. The top five staves feature woodwind instruments: Sop. Cor., Solo Cor. 1/2, Solo Cor. 3/4, Rep. Cor., and 2nd Cor. The next three staves show brass instruments: 3rd Cor., Flug., and Solo Hn. The following four staves include woodwind and brass instruments: 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., and 2nd Bar. The subsequent three staves feature brass instruments: 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., and Bs. Tbn. The next two staves show brass instruments: Euph. and E♭ Bass. The final three staves include brass instruments: B♭ Bass, Tim., and T. D. The Cym. (cymbals) is listed at the bottom. Measure lines are present between the staves, and dynamic markings like *mp* are placed above specific notes or groups of notes.

219

M

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

229

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

This page contains 19 staves of musical notation. The instruments listed are: Sop. Cor., Solo Cor. 1/2, Solo Cor. 3/4, Rep. Cor., 2nd Cor., 3rd Cor., Flug., Solo Hn., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., 1st Bar., 2nd Bar., 1st Tbn., 2nd Tbn., Bs. Tbn., Euph., E♭ Bass, B♭ Bass, Tim., T. D., and Cym. The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp, and includes rehearsal mark 229. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and rests, with some staves featuring sustained notes or rhythmic patterns like eighth-note chords or sixteenth-note figures. The Solo Cor. 3/4 and Rep. Cor. staves feature melodic lines with grace notes and slurs. The T. D. (Timpani) and Cym. (Cymbals) staves show dynamic patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes.

239

Sop. Cor. *p*

Solo Cor. 1/2 *p*

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor. *mp*

2nd Cor. *mp* *p*

3rd Cor. *p*

Flug. *mp*

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

1st Hn. *p*

2nd Hn.

1st Bar. *mp* *p*

2nd Bar. *mp* *p*

1st Tbn. *p*

2nd Tbn. *p*

Bs. Tbn.

Euph. *p*

E♭ Bass *p*

B♭ Bass *p*

Tim. *p*

T. D. *N*

Cym.

249

Sop. Cor. *p*

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug. *p*

Solo Hn.

1st Hn. *p*

2nd Hn. *p*

1st Bar.

2nd Bar. *p*

1st Tbn. *p*

2nd Tbn. *p*

Bs. Tbn.

Euph. *p*

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

257

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

Eb Bass

Bb Bass

Timp.

T. D.

Cym.

A to B \flat , C to E \flat , E to F

265 L'istesso tempo, maestoso (♩ = 132)

Sop. Cor. *mf*

Solo Cor. 1/2 *mf*

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor. *mf*

2nd Cor. *mf*

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn. *mf*

1st Hn. *mf*

2nd Hn. *mf*

1st Bar. *mf*

2nd Bar. *mf*

1st Tbn. *mf*

2nd Tbn. *mf*

Bs. Tbn. *mf*

Euph. *mf*

E♭ Bass *mf*

B♭ Bass *mf*

Tim.

T. D. *mf*

Cym. *mf*

271

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

279

O

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

286

P

Sop. Cor.

Solo Cor. 1/2

Solo Cor. 3/4

Rep. Cor.

2nd Cor.

3rd Cor.

Flug.

Solo Hn.

1st Hn.

2nd Hn.

1st Bar.

2nd Bar.

1st Tbn.

2nd Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Euph.

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Tim.

T. D.

Cym.

293

Sop. Cor. *p*

Solo Cor. 1/2 *p*

Solo Cor. 3/4 *p*

Rep. Cor. -

2nd Cor. -

3rd Cor. -

Flug. *mf* *f* *p* *f*

Solo Hn. *p* *f* *p* *f*

1st Hn. *p* *f* *p* *f*

2nd Hn. *p* *f* *p* *f*

1st Bar. -

2nd Bar. -

1st Tbn. *p* *f* *p* *f*

2nd Tbn. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Bs. Tbn. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Euph. *p* *f* *p* *f*

E Bass *p* *f* *p* *f*

B Bass *p* *f* *p* *f*

Tim. *p* *f* *p* *f*

T. D. *p* *f*

Cym. *p* *f*

poco accel.

To S. D. Snare Drum

301 **Presto (J. = 144)**

Sop. Cor. ff fff

Solo Cor. 1/2 ff fff

Solo Cor. 3/4 ff fff

Rep. Cor. ff fff

2nd Cor. ff fff

3rd Cor. ff fff

Flug. ff fff

Solo Hn. ff fff

1st Hn. ff fff

2nd Hn. ff fff

1st Bar. ff fff

2nd Bar. ff fff

1st Tbn. ff fff

2nd Tbn. ff fff

Bs. Tbn. ff fff

Euph. ff fff

E♭ Bass ff fff

B♭ Bass ff fff

Tim. ff fff

S. D. ff fff

Cym. ff fff choke!