




Dragonhunter

By Richard Meyer

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score.....	1
Violin I	8
Violin II.....	8
Violin III (Viola ).....	3
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass.....	5
Piano Accompaniment	1

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Using only the notes of the D major scale, Richard Meyer has fashioned a medieval-sounding piece that is sure to fascinate your beginning string students. The minor key, modal harmonies and driving rhythms give this piece a very mature sound. The aggressive main theme (m. 4) is introduced by violins and violas, with cello and bass in counterpoint. The theme later returns in canon, with cellos and basses being chased (hunted) by the violins and violas. The delicate pizzicato theme at measure 38 is a wonderful way to teach contrast and form. Very dramatic from start to finish!

