



The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down

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INSTRUMENTATION

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| 1 Conductor | 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon |
| 10 Flute | 2 Baritone Treble Clef
(World Part Trombone in B \flat Treble Clef) |
| 2 Oboe | 4 Tuba |
| 10 B \flat Clarinet | 1 Mallet Percussion
(Bells) |
| 2 B \flat Bass Clarinet | 1 Optional Timpani
(Tune: F, B \flat) |
| 6 E \flat Alto Saxophone | 2 Percussion 1
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum) |
| 4 B \flat Tenor Saxophone | 1 Percussion 2
(Suspended Cymbal) |
| 2 E \flat Baritone Saxophone | |
| 8 B \flat Trumpet | |
| 4 F Horn | |

WORLD PARTS

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- Horn in E \flat
- Trombone/Baritone in B \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in E \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in E \flat Treble Clef
- Tuba in B \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in B \flat Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

This well-known melody was written as the theme song for the "Looney Tunes Cartoon" series in the third decade of the 20th century and has been a favorite of young people ever since. In this arrangement, made especially for those young people, the merry-go-round does really "break down."

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The tempo may be adjusted to the abilities of the ensemble. Notice the *rallentando* in the second ending in measure 14, the *molto ritard* in measure 16, and the rest with the *fermata* in measure 17 that indicates the merry-go-round has "broken down."

* - (UH-OH) - (Optional light-comedy moment). At this point in the silence, right after the band reaches the quarter rest *fermata*, you can have a band member or members say "uh-oh" loudly to indicate that something bad has unexpectedly happened. Then immediately go on to measure 18, starting slowly and accelerating the tempo to the Tempo 1 at measure 22.

The use of comedy to "tell" the audience that the merry-go-round did really break down is not necessary and the above comedy moment may be omitted. If you do decide to use the comedy feature, remember that the approach should be serious. A flippant approach is neither funny nor effective.