Over the Rainbow

Music by HAROLD ARLEN
Lyrics by E. Y. HARBURG
Arranged by ALAN BAYLOCK

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor
1st Eb Alto Saxophone
2nd Eb Alto Saxophone
1st Bb Tenor Saxophone
2nd Bb Tenor Saxophone
E♭ Baritone Saxophone
1st B♭ Trumpet
2nd B♭ Trumpet
3rd B♭ Trumpet
4th B♭ Trumpet
1st Trombone
2nd Trombone
3rd Trombone
Bass Trombone
Guitar Chords
Guitar
Piano
Bass
Drums

Optional/Alternate Parts

C Flute
Tuba
Horn in F (Doubles 1st Trombone)
1st Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 1st Trombone)
2nd Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 2nd Trombone)
3rd Baritone T.C./B♭ Tenor Saxophone (Doubles 3rd Trombone)
NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This arrangement was written to honor the legendary trumpeter, Maynard Ferguson. A professional version was written for and recorded by the USAF Airmen of Note featuring two outstanding trumpet players, Brian MacDonald and Kevin Burns. In this revised version, I re-scored the original ending to make it more accessible and also moved the trumpet ranges down to a more manageable range.

There are a few passages in the solo trumpet parts that are marked “as written.” Other than those places, please encourage the trumpet soloists to go beyond the written notes and rhythms and to express themselves on these lyrical melodies—but keeping both the style and melodic nature of this great song intact.

All of the ensemble accompaniment in this chart should be performed as smoothly and legato as possible, especially in the trombones. Also, please make the most out of the dynamics and phrasing. Although the trumpet players are the stars here, the more musical the backgrounds are, the better the piece will sound.

The tenor saxes have a sixteenth note pattern at measure 22, don’t rush, keep it measured and steady. Also for saxes, in measure 30, caution the section not to rush those figures especially the triplets.

The piano part is well-notated, but remind the pianist that a solid and steady pulse throughout will make the horns feel more confident and comfortable. The bass part has a few double stops, meaning to play two notes simultaneously. If this is not practical, then the lower bass note will work fine for the harmony.

Thanks for your interest in this arrangement! I sincerely hope that your band and the audience enjoy it.

—Alan Baylock

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