

The Heavenly Flute Player and the Dragon King

Long time ago, at the foot of the Five Finger Mountain, lived a man, so cunning in playing his flute, that people named him the Heavenly Flute Player. His playing was so sweet that upon everyone's lips a smile was seen. Even the birds stopped singing to listen to him play [introduction of part one].

Once upon a day the Dragon King of the Sea of the South arranged a banquet to which he invited many of the immortals. All guests were dressed up ever so beautiful and the rejoicing grew the merrier and the more excited as the feast went on [score numbers 3-7].

As it so happened, the Heavenly Flute Player arrived upon a shore to enjoy some fishing and to play his flute. As if by miracle the enchanting music of his playing found its way to the ears of the Dragon King and he and all the immortals stopped feasting and listened to the most breath taking music they had ever heard. The feast was no longer but everyone was excited [score number 7 until end of part one].

The Dragon King ordered to find this Heavenly Flute Player and bring him to the palace, the King's mind set on giving this Heavenly Flute Player a heavenly welcome. And when the Heavenly Flute Player was lead to the palace, all songbirds around accompanied him and brought colour to the palace [introduction of part two].

By request of the Dragon King the Heavenly Flute Player remained guest in the palace and started teaching the Dragon King's son to play the flute. And soon the pupil displayed great ability, to great satisfaction of the Dragon King [score numbers 12-17].

But after a short while the Heavenly Flute Player grew homesick. His playing turned less merry and the songbirds lost their song, looking upon his sad face. With longing in his heart the Heavenly Flute Player thought back to the days of not so long ago [score numbers 17-19].

The Dragon King, ever so grateful for his son to be taught to play the flute, allowed the Heavenly Flute Player to return to the Five Finger Mountain. The King showed his gratitude by giving the Heavenly Flute Player two apparently simple gifts. These gifts, however, ensured a golden future for their bearer through their magical power. They were a bamboo basket, filled with the tastiest food, which would never grow empty and a rain coat, that would spread itself like a pair of wings and that would enable him to travel, bringing happiness to all corners of the world [score number 19 until end of part two].

In score numbers [5]-[7] and [13]-[15] the Malayan traditional *Dayung Sampan* and the Indian traditional *Munneru Valiba* are freely used. As is the English-Chinese traditional *Xi Yang Xi Xia* (Sing Your Way Home) in score numbers [17]-[19].

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1 - The Heavenly Flute Player...



Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

Clarinet 1

Clarinet 2

Clarinet 3

Bass Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 2/3

French Horn 1

French Horn 2/3

Trombone 1

Trombone 2/3

Euphonium

Bass Tuba

Timpani

Percussion

I. Slow one
mf

[1] Moderate
All
p

p cresc.

p cresc.

p cresc.

p cresc.

p

one All > > > >

p

> > > >

p

> > > >

p

> > > >

p cresc.

p cresc.

p cresc.

p cresc.

Tamtam

Suspended Cymbal
p soft mallets

Pair of Cymbals

Wind Chimes

Snare Drum

Wtnd Chimes

mf f

2 - The Heavenly Flute Player...

Fl.

ob.

Bassn.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Bass.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

Bb.

Timp.

Perc.



[3] Fast

Fl.

ob.

Bssn.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

clar. 3

Bss.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

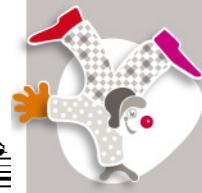
BtB.

Timp.

Perc.

Bass Drum

=ff



Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Ess.Clar.

A.Sax.

Tan.Sax.

Bar.Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

Ptb.

Tim.

Perc.

Bongo Drums

Temple Blocks

6 - The Heavenly Flute Player...

[4]

Fl.

Cb.

Bsn.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Bss.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten.Sax.

Bar.Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

Btb.

Timp.

Perc.



8 - The Heavenly Flute Player...

Fl.

ob.

Bsn.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Bss.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

Bb.

Timp.

Perc.



[6]

speed up [7] Very fast

fl.

ob.

Bsns.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Bss.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

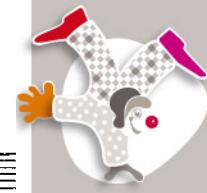
Trb. 2/3

Euph.

Btb.

Timp.

Perc.



Fl.

ob.

Bsns.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Bss.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

Btb.

Tim.

Parc.

slow down

All [8] Slow

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Bass.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

BtB.

Tim.

Perc.



Fl.

Ob.

Bsns.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Bss.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

Btb.

Tim.

Perc.

slow down

Fl.

Ob.

Bsns.

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

Bss.Clar.

A. Sax.

Ten.Sax.

Bar.Sax.

Trp. 1

Trp. 2/3

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2/3

Trb. 1

Trb. 2/3

Euph.

Btb.

Timp.

Perc.