

# SIMPLE GIFTS

based on an excerpt from APPALACHIAN SPRING

AARON COPLAND (1944)  
arr. S.M. PRICE

**Allegro alla primavera, ♩ = 72**

Flute & Piccolo Flute

Reed I  
Soprano Clarinet  
Bass Clarinet

Reed II  
Soprano Clarinet  
Soprano Saxophone  
Alto Saxophone

Brass I  
Trumpet in B $\flat$   
Flugelhorn in B $\flat$

Brass II  
Tenor Trombone  
Bass Tuba

Percussion  
Glockenspiel  
Tympani  
Triangle  
Suspended Cym.  
Tam-tam

The first system of the score is for measures 1-4. The key signature has three flats (B-flat major/C minor) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked 'Allegro alla primavera' with a quarter note equal to 72 beats per minute. The flute part begins with a melodic line marked 'p espress.'. The reed parts (Soprano Clarinet and Alto Saxophone) have similar parts marked 'p espress.'. The brass parts are mostly silent in this section. The percussion part is also silent.

Fl. C.Fl.

R. I  
S. Cl.

R. II  
S. Sax.

B. I  
Flhn.

B. II  
T. Tbn.

Perc.

The second system of the score is for measures 5-8. It begins with a section marked 'A'. The flute part has dynamics of *f*, *sf*, and *p*. The reed parts (Soprano Clarinet and Soprano Saxophone) have dynamics of *f*, *sf*, *p*, and *mf*. The flugelhorn part has dynamics of *f*, *sf*, and *mf*. The percussion part has a triangle part marked *mp*. The key signature and time signature remain the same.

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**B** Con animato, ♩ = 80

Musical score for the first system, featuring six staves: Fl. C.Fl., R. I S. Cl., R. II S. Sax., B. I Flhn., B. II T. Tbn., and Perc. The score includes dynamic markings such as *pp*, *p*, *mp poco leggiero*, and *ten.*, along with performance instructions like *Glck.* and *Cym.* The percussion part includes a *m.s.* marking.



Musical score for the second system, featuring six staves: Fl. C.Fl., R. I S. Cl., R. II S. Sax., B. I Flhn., B. II T. Tbn., and Perc. This system continues the musical notation for the instruments.

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FL. C Fl.

R. I S. Cl.

R. II S. Sax.

B. I Flhn.

B. II T. Tbn.

Perc.

*f sf* *mp* *mf*

*f sf* *mf*

*f sf* *mp*

*mp*

This system contains the first five staves of the conductor's score. The Flute (C Fl.) part begins with a dynamic of *f sf*, which then changes to *mp* and finally *mf*. The Clarinet in B-flat (R. I) and Trombone II (B. II) parts also have dynamics of *f sf* and *mp*. The Saxophone (R. II) and Flute in C (B. I) parts have dynamics of *f sf* and *mf*. The Percussion part starts with *mp*. The music is in 3/4 time and features a key signature of three flats.

FL. C Fl.

R. I S. Cl.

R. II S. Cl.

B. I Flhn.

B. II T. Tbn.

Perc.

*p leggiero*

*p alla pizz.*

to S. Cl.

*p alla pizz.*

con sord.

*pp*

to B. Tbn.

*pp* *mf legato*

*p*

C

This system contains the next five staves of the conductor's score. The Flute (C Fl.) part is marked *p leggiero*. The Clarinet in B-flat (R. I) and Saxophone (R. II) parts are marked *p alla pizz.*. The Flute in C (B. I) part is marked *p alla pizz.* and includes the instruction *con sord.*. The Trombone II (B. II) part is marked *pp* and includes the instruction *to B. Tbn.*. The Percussion part is marked *p*. A rehearsal mark 'C' is placed above the Flute staff. The music continues in 3/4 time with the same key signature.

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Musical score for the first system of 'Simple Gifts'. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl. C Fl.), Clarinet I (R. I S. Cl.), Clarinet II (R. II S. Cl.), Bassoon I (B. I Flhn.), Bassoon II (B. II B. Tba.), and Percussion (Perc.). The Flute part features a melodic line with slurs and ties. The Clarinet and Bassoon parts have rests with repeat signs and measure numbers 4 and 8. The Bassoon II part has a melodic line with slurs. The Percussion part has a rhythmic pattern with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure.

Musical score for the second system of 'Simple Gifts'. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl. C Fl.), Clarinet I (R. I S. Cl.), Clarinet II (R. II S. Cl.), Bassoon I (B. I Flhn.), Bassoon II (B. II B. Tba.), and Percussion (Perc.). The Flute part has rests with repeat signs and measure numbers 4 and 8. The Clarinet I part has a melodic line with a slur and the instruction 'to B. Cl.'. The Clarinet II part has a melodic line with a slur and the instruction 'leggiere senza sord.'. The Bassoon I part has a melodic line with a slur and the instruction 'mf legato'. The Bassoon II part has a melodic line with a slur. The Percussion part has a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure and a quarter note in the fourth measure.

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Fl. C Fl. *flautando*

R. I B. Cl.

R. II S. Cl. *flautando*

B. I Flhn.

B. II B. Tba.

Perc.

The first system of the score is for measures 1-8. It features a 4/4 time signature. The flute parts (Fl. C Fl. and R. II S. Cl.) play a melodic line marked 'flautando'. The clarinet (R. I B. Cl.) and saxophone (R. II A. Sax.) parts have rests. The brass parts (B. I Flhn. and B. II B. Tba.) play a rhythmic accompaniment. The percussion part (Perc.) has a rest in measure 1 and then plays a pattern of eighth notes starting in measure 2. A fermata is placed over the final measure (measure 8).

**Poco rit.** **D** **Andante rilassato**, ♩ = 72

Fl. C Fl. *pp*

R. I B. Cl. *pp* *to S. Cl.* *p legato*

R. II A. Sax. *pp* *to A. Sax.* *p con degrado*

B. I Flhn. *p con degrado*

B. II B. Tba. *p*

Perc. *pp*

The second system of the score is for measures 9-16. It begins with a tempo change to 'Andante rilassato' at a quarter note equal to 72 beats per minute. The time signature changes to 2/4. The flute parts (Fl. C Fl. and R. II A. Sax.) play a melodic line marked 'pp'. The clarinet (R. I B. Cl.) and saxophone (R. II A. Sax.) parts have rests until measure 10, where they enter with a melodic line marked 'p legato'. The brass parts (B. I Flhn. and B. II B. Tba.) play a rhythmic accompaniment marked 'p con degrado'. The percussion part (Perc.) plays a pattern of eighth notes marked 'pp'. A fermata is placed over the final measure (measure 16).

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Poco accel.

**E** Allegretto vivace,  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$  ( $\text{♩} = 152$ )

FL. C Fl.

R. I S. Cl.

R. II A. Sax.

B. I Flhn.

B. II B. Tbn.

Perc.

*mf* *f*

*mf* *f*

*mf* *f*

to Tpt. *f* *f nobile e poco stacc.*

to T. Tbn. *f nobile e poco stacc.*

Tym. in E, G, A, C *f* *p*

This system contains the first five staves of the score. The Flute (C Flute) and Clarinet (Soprano Clarinet) parts begin with a melody in the key of D major (two sharps) and 2/4 time. The Saxophone (Alto Saxophone) part follows with a similar melody. The Flute (Piccolo Flute) and Trombone (Bass Trombone) parts have rests. The Percussion part has a single note on the first beat. Dynamics range from mezzo-forte (mf) to forte (f). The tempo is marked 'Poco accel.' and 'Allegretto vivace' with a quarter note equal to 152 beats per minute.

FL. P. Fl.

R. I S. Cl.

R. II A. Sax.

B. II Tpt.

B. II T. Tbn.

Perc.

to P. Fl. *f flautando*

*f flautando*

*p*

This system contains the next five staves. The Piccolo Flute and Soprano Clarinet parts continue their melodic lines, marked 'f flautando'. The Alto Saxophone part has a rest. The Trombone (Trompete) and Bass Trombone parts continue their rhythmic accompaniment. The Percussion part has a single note on the first beat. The system ends with a dynamic of piano (p).

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**F**

Musical score for the first system of 'Simple Gifts'. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Piccolo Flute (P. Fl.), Saxophone I (R. I S. Cl.), Saxophone II (R. II A. Sax.), Trumpet II (B. II Tpt.), Trombone II (B. II T. Tbn.), and Percussion (Perc.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score begins with a dynamic marking of *sf* and includes the instruction *senza stacc.* for the brass instruments. The percussion part starts with a *f* dynamic and a specific rhythmic pattern.

Musical score for the second system of 'Simple Gifts'. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Piccolo Flute (P. Fl.), Saxophone I (R. I S. Cl.), Saxophone II (R. II A. Sax.), Trumpet II (B. II Tpt.), Trombone II (B. II T. Tbn.), and Percussion (Perc.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score features a *flautando* marking for the flute and trombone parts, along with a triplet of eighth notes. The percussion part is mostly silent in this system.

Molto rall.

**G** Pesante e largamente, ♩ = 66

Fl. *P. Fl.*  
R. I *S. Cl.*  
R. II *A. Sax.*  
B. II *Tpt.*  
B. II *T. Tbn.*  
Perc.

to Fl.  
*p legato*  
to Flhn.  
*p legato*  
to B. Tbn.  
*p sempre tenuto*  
*pp*

Fl. *C. Fl.*  
R. I *S. Cl.*  
R. II *A. Sax.*  
B. I *Flhn.*  
B. II *B. Tbn.*  
Perc.

*p*  
*mf*

**H** **Meno mosso e largo**,  $\text{♩} = 60$

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-4. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet in F (C Fl.), Saxophone in C (S. Cl.), Saxophone in A (A. Sax.), Flute in Bb (Flhn.), Trombone in Bb (B. Tba.), and Percussion (Perc.).

- Fl. / C Fl.:** Rests in measures 1-3, then plays a melodic line in measure 4 starting on G4, marked *p espress.*
- R. I / S. Cl.:** Plays a melodic line in measures 1-3, then rests in measure 4, marked *p espress.*
- R. II / A. Sax.:** Rests in measures 1-3, then plays a single note in measure 4, marked *p*.
- B. I / Flhn.:** Rests in all measures.
- B. II / B. Tba.:** Rests in all measures.
- Perc.:** Plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, marked *con dito* and *ppp*.

**Molto rall.**

Musical score for the second system, measures 5-8. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet in F (C Fl.), Saxophone in C (S. Cl.), Saxophone in A (A. Sax.), Flute in Bb (Flhn.), Trombone in Bb (B. Tba.), and Percussion (Perc.).

- Fl. / C Fl.:** Rests in all measures, marked *pp* at the end of measure 8.
- R. I / S. Cl.:** Rests in all measures, marked *pp* at the end of measure 8.
- R. II / A. Sax.:** Plays a melodic line in measures 5-6, then rests in measures 7-8, marked *p espress.* and *pp* at the end of measure 8.
- B. I / Flhn.:** Rests in measures 5-6, then plays a melodic line in measures 7-8, marked *p espress.* and *pp* at the end of measure 8.
- B. II / B. Tba.:** Rests in all measures, marked *pp* at the end of measure 8.
- Perc.:** Plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, marked *pp* at the end of measure 8.