Peer Gynt

Suite No. 2, Op 55

Edvard Grieg, composer M.L. Lake, arranger

Instrumentation

Score

Db Piccolo	Cornet Solo/1
Flute	Cornet 2
Oboe	Cornet 3
Eb Clarinet	Eb Horn 1/2
Clarinet Solo/1	Eb Horn 3/4
Clarinet 2	Trombone 1/2
Clarinet 3	Trombone 3
Eb Alto Clarinet	Euphonium TC
Bass Clarinet	Euphonium
Bassoon	Tuba
Soprano Sax	Percussion
Alto Sax	(SD, BD,
Tenor Sax	Cym, Tri,
Baritone Sax	Tamb, Timp)

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by EDVARD GRIEG Op. 55

- 1. ABDUCTION OF THE BRIDE (Ingrid's Lament)
- 2. ARABIAN DANCE
- 3. PEER GYNT'S HOME COMING (Stormy Evening on the Coast)

4. SOLVEJG'S SONG

Arranged by M.L.LAKE

Originally this Suite consisted of five movements, the fifth one being a "Dance of the Daughter of the Mountain King." Grieg conducted this suite at a concert and then decided to drop the fifth movement and close the suite with Solvejg's Song.

The score of this second suite contains a prefatory note by the composer with the request that it be published on the program whenever the suite is performed. Here it is:

"Peer Gynt, the only son of poor peasants, is drawn by the poet as a character of a morbidly developed fancy and a prey to megalomania. In his youth he has many wild adventures such as disturbing a peasant's wedding and carrying off the bride to distant mountain heights, where he leaves her, (No 1, Ingrid's Lament) to roam about with wild cow-herd girls.

He then enters the realm of the mountain king, whose daughter falls in love with him, and who entertains him with a dance. But he laughs at the dance and the droll music whereupon the enraged mountain-folk endeavor to kill him. He succeeds in escaping, and wanders to foreign countries, among others to Morocco, where he appears as a prophet, and is greeted by Arab girls (Nº 2, Arabian Dance). After many wonderful experiences and adventures, he finally returns to his home, a weary, old man and having suffered shipwreck on his way (Nº 3, Peer Gynt's Return) in quite as poor and destitute a condition as when he started on his adventurous escapades. Upon his return he is met by the sweetheart of his youth, Solvejg, who has stayed true to him ever since his departure, and he finds rest at last in her loving embraces. (Nº 4, Solvejg's Song).

Re-arrangement of this suite for creditable performance by either small or full-sized bands, presented some very unusual difficulties. The symphonic and highly dramatic character of the music calls for broad and sweeping treatment, and demands an instrumental apparatus capable of voicing the strongest, as well as the most delicate accents.

The present band arrangement, effectively and practically done along lines of the original score, will do much to popularize this second Peer Gynt Suite, which unquestionably contains some of the finest and most stirring music ever written by its gifted composers.

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2. ARABIAN DANCE















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