Funeral March

from "Grania and Diarmid" by Edward Elgar Op. 42

Arranged for Brass Band by John Morrison 2020

Performing time about 7½ minutes

This work was, in its original form, one of three orchestral pieces written by Elgar in 1901 as incidental music to an Irish play *The Pursuit of Diarmuid and Grainne* by George Moore and W. B. Yeats. These were an *Introduction* which preceded the *Funeral March*, and a song "*There are seven that pull the thread*."

The score for is the standard British Brass Band. It is no ordinary march. It is emotional and lyrical music and needs the highest alertness in performance. Elgar original orchestration begins with a muted string section (up to letter G), and the horns are sometimes muted. Characteristically almost every phrase is marked with its dynamics and expression: though there is more to it than the players literally following these.

Rehearsal letters D to O correspond with those in the orchestra score.

Instrumentation:

Eb Soprano, 4 Solo Bb Cornets, 1 Bb Repiano, 1 Bb Flugel, 2 2nd Bb Cornets, 2 3rd Bb Cornets, Solo Eb Horn, 1st & 2nd Eb Horns, 1st & 2nd Bb Baritones, 1st & 2nd Bb Trombone, Bass Trombone, 2 Bb Euphoniums, 2 Eb Basses, 2 Bb Basses, Timpani (3), 2 Percussion (Bass Drum, Cymbals, Gong).

The Solo and 1st Tenor Horn parts, or all three horn parts, may be played effectively on orchestral horns in F, following the parts written by Elgar in the original version, and transposed parts are provided.

This arrangement was completed in April 2020, at the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Edward Elgar, Op. 42 arranged for Brass Band by John Morrison, 2020 D Maestoso (=66) Eb Soprano Cornet 2 SOLI: Solo Bb Cornet OTHERS:1 REP Bb Repiano & Flugel 2nd Bb Cornet 3rd Bb Cornet Solo Eb Horn or French Horn in F 1st Eb Tenor Horn or French Horn in F 2nd Eb Tenor Horn or French Horn in F 1st Bb Baritone pp 2nd Bb Baritone 1st Bb Tenor Trombone 2nd Bb Tenor Trombone Bass Trombone Bb Euphonium Eb Bass Bb Bass pp in G, A, D 3 Timpani Bass Drum, Cymbals, Gong (ad lib.) Percussion

Maestoso















































