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Cloud Palace

for the Vermont Youth Orchestra

Notes on the Piece

On an overcast day, when the stately structures in the clouds appear solid enough to touch, it is wonderful to imagine that some other world exists above and beyond what we can see from the ground. "Cloud Palace" is a musical rendition of a soaring adventure through such a sky world, with a bright fanfare theme that progresses through glides, dips and dives, to a grand finale.

Notes marked with a staccato should have space after them, although should not be so clipped as to sacrifice the resonance of the pitch. In all tempos, the eighth note subdivision remains consistent through both simple and irregular meters.

Duration ca. 3:30

Instrumentation

Flute I
Flute II
Oboe I
Oboe II
Clarinet in Bb I
Clarinet in Bb II
Bass Clarinet
Bassoon I
Bassoon II

Horn I
Horn II
Horn III
Horn IV
Trumpet in Bb I
Trumpet in Bb II
Trumpet in Bb III
Trombone I
Trombone II
Trombone III
Tuba

Percussion - Timpani, Snare, Gong

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Double Bass

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Brilliant, Boistrous

♩=110

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Flute I f

Flute II f

Oboe I f

Oboe II f

Clarinet in B♭ I f

Clarinet in B♭ II f

Bass Clarinet in B♭ f

Bassoon I f

Bassoon II f

Horn in F I + II f

Horn in F III + IV f

Trumpet in B♭ I f

Trumpet in B♭ II f

Trumpet in B♭ III f

Trombone I f

Trombone II f

Trombone III f

Tuba f

Timpani F, B♭, C, D
Gong
Gong

Gong, Snare f

Brilliant, Boistrous

♩=110

Violin I f

Violin II f

Viola f

Violoncello f

Contrabass f

articulate

articulate

accented

accented

hard attacks

A

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I, II

Hn. III, IV

Tpt. I

Tpt. II

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

Tbn. III

Tba.

Timp.

G, Bb, C, D

A

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

B Serene

♩=100

♩=108

♩=100

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

B. Cl.

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

This section of the score features woodwind instruments. It includes two Flutes (Fl. I and Fl. II), two Oboes (Ob. I and Ob. II), two Clarinets (Cl. I and Cl. II), Bassoon I (Bsn. I), and Bassoon II (Bsn. II). The instrumentation is primarily woodwind, with dynamic markings such as *p*, *f*, and *mp*. The bassoon parts include solos and sustained notes.

Hn. I, II

Hn. III, IV

Tpt. I

Tpt. II

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

Tbn. III

Tba.

This section includes brass instruments. It features two Horns (Hn. I, II and Hn. III, IV), Trombones (Tpt. I and Tpt. II), and Tuba (Tba.). The brass parts consist mainly of eighth-note patterns and sustained notes, with dynamics like *mp*, *p*, and *f*.

Timp.

Perc. II

This section includes the Timpani (Timp.) and Percussion II (Perc. II). The Timpani part has a dynamic marking of *f*. The Percussion II part includes a instruction for "Snare snare on" with a dynamic of *p*.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

B Serene
♩=100
♩=108
♩=100

This section includes bowed strings. It consists of Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Vc.), and Double Bass (Cb.). The instrumentation is primarily bowed strings, with dynamics like *f* and *p*.

C More Broadly

$\text{♩}=108$

$\text{♩}=110$

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

B. Cl.

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I, II

Hn. III, IV

Tpt. I

Perc. II

C More Broadly

$\text{♩}=108$

$\text{♩}=110$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

D With Increasing Energy

poco rit.

(♩=90) ♩=108

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Musical score for Flutes I, II, Clarinets I, II, Bassoon I, and Bassoon II. The score shows measures 40 through 45. The instrumentation includes Flute I, Flute II, Clarinet I, Clarinet II, Bassoon I, and Bassoon II. Dynamics include poco rit., > pp, mf, and pp. Measure 40: Flute I and Flute II play eighth-note patterns. Clarinet I and Clarinet II play eighth-note patterns. Bassoon I and Bassoon II play eighth-note patterns. Measures 41-45: Flute I and Flute II play eighth-note patterns. Clarinet I and Clarinet II play eighth-note patterns. Bassoon I and Bassoon II play eighth-note patterns.

Hn. II

Musical score for Horns I, II, Horns III, IV, Trombones I, II, Trombone III, Tuba, and Timpani. The score shows measures 40 through 45. The instrumentation includes Horn I, II, Horn III, IV, Trombone I, Trombone II, Trombone III, Tuba, and Timpani. Dynamics include > pp, mf, mp, and f. Measures 40-44: Horn I, II, Horn III, IV, Trombone I, Trombone II, Trombone III, and Tuba play eighth-note patterns. Measures 45: Timpani plays eighth-note patterns.

F, Bb, C, E

Musical score for Timpani. The score shows measures 40 through 45. The instrumentation includes Timpani. Dynamics include mp and mf. Measures 40-44: Timpani plays eighth-note patterns. Measures 45: Timpani plays eighth-note patterns.

D With Increasing Energy

poco rit.

(♩=90) ♩=108

Musical score for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score shows measures 40 through 45. The instrumentation includes Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. Dynamics include mf, fp, legato, f, and pizz. Measures 40-44: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass play eighth-note patterns. Measures 45: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass play eighth-note patterns.

E Splendid, Palatial

Fl. I *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

Fl. II *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

Ob. I *mf* *fp* *f*

Ob. II *mf* *fp* *f*

Ct. I *mf* *f*

Ct. II *mf* *f*

B. Ct. *ff* *fjmp* *f*

Bsn. I *ff* *fjmp* *f*

Bsn. II *ff* *fjmp* *f*

Hn. I, II *fp* *pp* *f* *fp* *pp* *f* *fjmp* *f*

Hn. III, IV *fp* *pp* *f* *fp* *pp* *f* *fjmp* *f*

Tpt. I *f* *fjmp* *f*

Tpt. II *f* *fjmp* *f*

Tpt. III *f* *fjmp* *f*

Tbn. I *fp* *pp* *f* *fp* *pp* *f* *fjmp* *f*

Tbn. II *fp* *pp* *f* *fp* *pp* *f* *fjmp* *f*

Tbn. III *fp* *pp* *f* *fp* *pp* *f* *fjmp* *f*

Tba. *fp* *pp* *f* *fp* *pp* *f* *fjmp* *f*

Tim. *f* *ff*

E Splendid, Palatial

Vln. I *f* *mf* *with force* *f*

Vln. II *f* *mf* *with force* *f*

Vla. *legato*

Vc. *ff* *fjmp* *with force* *f*

Cb. *arco* *fp* *pp* *f* *fjmp* *f*

Musical score for orchestra and percussion, page 62. The score includes parts for Flute I, Flute II, Oboe I, Oboe II, Clarinet I, Clarinet II, Bassoon I, Bassoon II, Horn I, II, Bassoon III, Trombone I, Trombone II, Trombone III, Tuba, Timpani, Percussion II, Violin I, Violin II, Cello, Double Bass, and Gong.

The score consists of two systems of music. The first system covers measures 62-65. The second system begins at measure 66 and includes a dynamic instruction for the Gong.

Measure 62: Flute I, Flute II, Oboe I, Oboe II, Clarinet I, Clarinet II, Bassoon I, Bassoon II play eighth-note patterns. Horn I, II play eighth-note patterns. Trombones play eighth-note patterns. Bassoon III, Trombone I, Trombone II, Trombone III play eighth-note patterns. Tuba, Timpani play eighth-note patterns. Percussion II plays eighth-note patterns. Gong (indicated by a box) plays eighth-note patterns.

Measure 63: Flute I, Flute II, Oboe I, Oboe II, Clarinet I, Clarinet II, Bassoon I, Bassoon II play eighth-note patterns. Horn I, II play eighth-note patterns. Trombones play eighth-note patterns. Bassoon III, Trombone I, Trombone II, Trombone III play eighth-note patterns. Tuba, Timpani play eighth-note patterns. Percussion II plays eighth-note patterns. Gong (indicated by a box) plays eighth-note patterns.

Measure 64: Flute I, Flute II, Oboe I, Oboe II, Clarinet I, Clarinet II, Bassoon I, Bassoon II play eighth-note patterns. Horn I, II play eighth-note patterns. Trombones play eighth-note patterns. Bassoon III, Trombone I, Trombone II, Trombone III play eighth-note patterns. Tuba, Timpani play eighth-note patterns. Percussion II plays eighth-note patterns. Gong (indicated by a box) plays eighth-note patterns.

Measure 65: Flute I, Flute II, Oboe I, Oboe II, Clarinet I, Clarinet II, Bassoon I, Bassoon II play eighth-note patterns. Horn I, II play eighth-note patterns. Trombones play eighth-note patterns. Bassoon III, Trombone I, Trombone II, Trombone III play eighth-note patterns. Tuba, Timpani play eighth-note patterns. Percussion II plays eighth-note patterns. Gong (indicated by a box) plays eighth-note patterns.

Measure 66: Violin I, Violin II, Cello, Double Bass play eighth-note patterns. Gong (indicated by a box) plays eighth-note patterns.

F Joyous

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

B. Cl.

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I, II

Hn. III, IV

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

Tbn. III

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. II

F Joyous

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Gong

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Fl. I Fl. II Ob. I Ob. II Cl. I Cl. II B. Cl. Bsn. I Bsn. II

Hn. I, II Hn. III, IV Tpt. I Tpt. II Tpt. III Tbn. I Tbn. II Tbn. III Tba.

Tim. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

poco accel.

Fl. I Fl. II Ob. I Ob. II Cl. I Cl. II B. Cl. Bsn. I Bsn. II

Hn. I, II Hn. III, IV Tpt. I Tpt. II Tpt. III Tbn. I Tbn. II Tbn. III Tba.

Tim. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

poco accel.

G Grand $\bullet=116$

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legato

Vln. I *f* - *p* — *f* *mp*

Vln. II *legato* *f* - *p* — *f* *mp*

Vla. *legato* *f* - *p* — *f* *sub mp*

Vc. *viv.* *fp* *fp* - *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *sub mp*

Cb. *fp* *fp* - *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *sub mp*

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Fl. I
Fl. II
Ob. I
Ob. II
Cl. I
Cl. II
B. Cl.
Bsn. I
Bsn. II

Hn. I, II
Hn. III, IV
Tpt. I
Tpt. II
Tpt. III
Tbn. I
Tbn. II
Tbn. III
Tba.

Tim.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.