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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### Statement of the Problem

The problem of this study was to make a transcription of Lincoln Portrait for symphonic band.

#### Need for Study

There is a drastic need for music of a better quality and music by modern composers for symphonic band. Redfield has said, "One of the reasons why the band is yet inferior to the symphony orchestra is that few composers of the first rank have written for it."<sup>1</sup>

#### Scope of Study

The problems of this study concern the following major phases: first, the instrumentation of the work; second, an analysis from the point of view of the problem; third, a band transcription of Lincoln Portrait for symphonic band.

#### Organization of the Study

The data of this project were organized into the following divisions: Chapter I, Introduction; Chapter II, Instrumentation; Chapter III, Analysis; Chapter IV, Transcription.

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<sup>1</sup>John Redfield, Music a Science and an Art, p. 297.

## CHAPTER II

### INSTRUMENTATION

#### Instrumentation Recommended by the National School Band Association

In Figure 1 is shown the standard instrumentation for symphonic band as recommended by the National School Band Association. This instrumentation was followed with the exception of the E-flat clarinets, B-flat trumpets, and B-flat fluegelhorns.

5 flutes (one or two interchangeable with piccolo)  
2 E-flat clarinets  
2<sup>4</sup> or more B-flat clarinets  
2 alto clarinets  
2 bass clarinets  
2 or more oboes  
2 or more bassoons  
5 saxophones (soprano, 2 alto, tenor, and baritone)  
4 or more B-flat cornets  
2 or more B-flat trumpets  
2 or more B-flat fluegelhorns  
4 to 8 French horns  
4 to 6 trombones  
2 to 4 baritones  
2 E-flat tubas  
4 BB-flat tubas  
2 string basses  
1 harp  
1 set tympani  
3 other percussion

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Total 75 or more players

Fig. 1--The standard instrumentation of the symphonic band as recommended by the National School Band Association.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>School Music Competition Festival Manual, 1941, p. 22.

Instrumentation Used in the Transcription

Figure 2 shows the instrumentation used in the transcription of Lincoln Portrait.

5 flutes (one or two interchangeable with piccolo)  
 24 or more B-flat clarinets  
 2 alto clarinets  
 2 bass clarinets  
 2 or more oboes  
 2 or more bassoons  
 5 saxophones (2 alto, 2 tenor, and baritone)  
 6 or more B-flat cornets  
 4 to 8 French horns  
 6 trombones  
 2 to 4 baritones  
 2 E-flat tubas  
 4 BB-flat tubas  
 2 string basses  
 1 harp  
 1 set tympani  
 3 other percussion

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Total 73 or more players

Fig. 2--Instrumentation used in the transcription.

## CHAPTER III

### ANALYSIS FROM POINT OF VIEW OF PROBLEM

The greatest problem involved in a work such as this is transferring the string parts to the woodwinds without losing the tone quality desired by the composer. This was accomplished in the most part by substituting the first and second B-flat clarinets for the first and second violin parts, and by adding the flutes when the violin parts became too high for the clarinets to play with good tone quality.

The viola parts were transferred to the alto clarinet and alto saxophone with some transferred to the third clarinet part when needed.

The cello parts were given to the bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, baritone horn, or bassoon. Each part was given to a certain instrument, depending upon the texture of the orchestration at the place involved and upon the range of the part, tone quality, and color.

# IV. THE TRANSCRIPTION

Aaron Copland's

LINCOLN PORTRAIT

*Lento (dato)*  
*Misterioso*  
*p poco marc.*

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Speaker~~

**SAXOPHONES**

Alto

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

*one Only*  
*p con Sord.*

I B♭ Cornets

II

*one Only*

III B♭ Cornets

*one Only*

~~String Bass~~

F Horns

*Con Sord. pp*

*Senza Sord.*

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

8

8

*poco Rit.* *mp*

**Flutes**

**Piccolo**

**Oboes**

**Glockenspiel**

**B♭ Clarinets**

**Alto Clarinet**

**Bass Clarinet**

**Bassoons** *poco Rit.*

**Speaker**  
(orchestra)

**SAXOPHONES**

**Alto**

**Tenor**

**Baritone**

**Harp**

**B♭ Cornets** *Con Sord* *mp*

**B♭ Cornets II** *Con Sord* *mp*

**String Bass**

**F Horns**

**Baritone**

**Trombones**

**Basses**

**Timpani**

**Drums, etc.**

16



28

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

Gluckenspiel

Bb Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

Speker  
(und Bassoon)

SAXOPHONES

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

Bb Cornets I

Bb Cornets II

Cornets III

String Bass

F Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.





49

55

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Speaker~~

SAXOPHONES

Alto S

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

B♭ Cornets I

B♭ Cornets II

B♭ Cornets III

~~String Bass~~

F Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.



64

72

Flutes  
Piccolo  
Oboes  
Glockenspiel  
Bb Clarinets  
Alto Clarinet  
Bass Clarinet  
Bassoons  
~~Saxophone~~  
SAXOPHONES  
Alto II  
Tenor  
Baritone  
Harp  
Bb Cornets  
Corns  
Bb ~~Cornets~~  
String Bass  
F Horns  
Baritones  
Trombones  
Basses  
Timpani  
Drums, etc.  
*Sl. Bells*



Poco meno mosso (♩=144)

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

Glockenspiel

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

Speaker (con Sord)

SAXOPHONES

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

B♭ Cornets I

B♭ Cornets II

String Bass

F Horns (con Sord)

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The instruments listed on the left are: Flutes, Piccolo, Oboes, Glockenspiel, B♭ Clarinets, Alto Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Bassoons, Speaker (con Sord), SAXOPHONES (Alto II, Tenor, Baritone), Harp, B♭ Cornets I and II, String Bass, F Horns (con Sord), Baritones, Trombones, Basses, Timpani, and Drums, etc. The tempo is 'Poco meno mosso' with a quarter note equal to 144 beats per minute. The score includes a 'Solo' section for the Oboe and 'con Sord' markings for the Horns and Speaker. The music is written in 2/4 time.

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

Glockenspiel

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

Soprano

SAXOPHONES

Alto

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

I

B♭ Cornets

II

Cornets

String Bass

F Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

*Allegro* tempo (♩=132) 200

Flutes  
Piccolo  
Oboes  
~~Glockenspiel~~  
Bb Clarinets  
Alto Clarinet  
Bass Clarinet  
Bassoons  
~~Speaker~~  
SAXOPHONES  
Alto  
Tenor  
Baritone  
Harp  
Bb Cornets  
II  
Eb Cornets  
Singing Bass  
Horns  
Baritone  
Trombones  
Basses  
Timpani  
Drums, etc.

*- Open -*  
*- Open -*  
*- Open*  
*- Open*  
*mf*  
*mf*



Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

Glockenspiel

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

Speaker

**SAXOPHONES**

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

B♭ Cornets

Cornets

String Bass

Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

*mauc.*

*Solo*

*AD.*

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Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Saxophones~~

Alto Sax

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

B♭ Cornets

~~Cornets I~~

~~String Bass~~

Horns

Baritone

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

*f*

*f marc.*

*Div.*

*Solo*

*Solo*

130

8/4

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Speaker~~

SAXOPHONES

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

~~Harp~~

B♭ Cornets

~~Cornets~~

~~String Bass~~

Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

140

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Gockenspiel~~

Bb Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Saxophones~~

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

Bb Cornets I

Bb Cornets II

Bb Cornets III

~~String Bass~~

Horns

Baritone

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

Sdr

BDr

Poco Largamente (♩=132)

150

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Speaker~~

**SALOPHONS**

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

~~Harp~~

B♭ Cornets I

B♭ Cornets II

~~Cornets III~~

~~String Bass~~

Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Saxophone~~  
(Saxophone)

SAXOPHONES

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

B♭ Cornets I

B♭ Cornets II

B♭ Cornets III

~~String Bass~~

Horns

Baritone

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

*Glockenspiel*

Bb Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

*Saxophones*

Alto M

Tenor

Baritone

*Harp*

Bb Cornets

*Cornets*

*String Bass*

Horns

Baritone

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.







Flutes *mf* *A-tempo* **195**

Piccolo *mf*

Oboes *mf*

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets *p dolce*

Alto Clarinet *p dolce*

Bass Clarinet *p dolce* *pp*

Bassoons *mf*

Speaker (amplifier)

SAXOPHONES

Alto *mf*

Tenor *mf*

Baritone *mf*

Harp

B♭ Cornets I *mf*

B♭ Cornets II *mf*

B♭ Cornets III *mf*

String Bass

Horns *mf*

Baritones *mf*

Trombones *mf*

Basses *mf*

Timpani *mf*

Drums, etc. *C*

*Solo* *p dolce* **200**

*He was born in Kentucky raised in Indiana and lived in Illinois*

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

Glockenspiel

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

Speaker  
(Speaker)

Alto III

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

B♭ Cornets I

B♭ Cornets II

String Bass

Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

And this is what he said: This is what Abe Lincoln said: *mf* "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise with the occasion. As our

can send

can send

*mf* can send

*mf*





*Solo* 230

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Speakers~~

SAXOPHONES

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

*Harp*

B♭ Cornets

*Cor Solo* *Solo* *p poco marc.* *Cor Solo*

~~Cornets~~

~~String Bass~~

Horns

Baritones

*p espress*

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

Lincoln was a quiet man

Abe Lincoln was a quiet and a melancholy man

But when he spoke of Democracy this is what he said

He said:



Tempo I (♩=40)

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

~~Speaker~~

**SAXOPHONES**

Alto

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

B♭ Cornets I

B♭ Cornets II

~~Cornets III~~

~~String Bass~~

Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

mp *espress*

mp *espress*

Tempo I (♩=40)

Sub p

*acc*

f > Sub p

f *sub p*

> Sub p

pp



Poco meno mosso (♩ = 76)

260

Flutes

Piccolo

Oboes

~~Glockenspiel~~

B♭ Clarinets

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bassoons

Speaker

SAXOPHONES

Alto II

Tenor

Baritone

Harp

B♭ Cornets I

B♭ Cornets II

~~B♭ Cornets III~~

String Bass

Horns

Baritones

Trombones

Basses

Timpani

Drums, etc.

rit..... *Largamento*

*ff*

*rit.....* *Largamento*

He said: that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these honored dead shall not have died in vain; and that this nation, under God, shall have a more perfect union, and that the freedom of all people shall be preserved, and that the people shall not perish from the earth.

*Con Sord*

*Con Sord*

*Senza Sord*

*Con Sord* *pp* *legato*

*pp*

*Senza Sord*

*rit.....*



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