KENDOR PLAYGROUND STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

Be Thou My Vision

(Irish Hymn)

GRADE 1+ • DURATION CA. 1:55

arranged by Robert S. Frost

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Full Score
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 3 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 Bass
- 1 Piano (opt.)

EXTRA SCORES & PARTS AVAILABLE

To The Director

Be Thou My Vision has a simple yet lyrical melody. In keeping with the hymn qualities, the melody is given a homophonic treatment three times. First with full resonant chords supporting the melody in the 1st Violins. This is immediately followed with the melody featured in octaves between the violas and cellos. Following a brief transition and modulation, the melody returns to the 1st Violins where the treatment is a bit more dramatic through the use of arpeggios in the cellos with the 2nd Violins supporting harmonically in duet fashion. The composition closes with a brief coda.

The 3rd Violin part has been adjusted to accommodate a more appropriate range for the violin. The cello part divides into two parts at times, and can be used if few or no bass players are available.

Because of the tempo and chordal style of the selection, students should concentrate on the sustained tones. Attention to bow placement, bow weight, and the amount of bow will aid in developing a rich, full sound.

For the most part, any balance issues will take care of themselves, except at measure 21 when the melody is in the lower instruments.

A slower tempo and full sound is essential for a strong conclusion.

A recording of this piece can be downloaded at www.kendormusic.com.

ROBERT S. FROST

Drawing from years of teaching experience in Utah's Cache County School District, Bob's expertise in the educational string field is recognized worldwide. Robert holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from Utah State University, and a Doctorate in music education from the University of Northern Colorado. He has served as president of the National School Orchestra Association, and the Utah Chapter of ASTA with NSOA. His acclaimed string arrangements appear in the catalogs of several top publishers.



Be Thou My Vision arranged by Robert S. Frost **FULL SCORE** Moderato J = 96 - 1001st Violin 2nd Violin Viola (same part also provided for 3rd violin) Cello Bass Opt. piano part also included 5 9 mf mf |

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