

# **The Rumor of a Secret King**

for concert band

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## **Instrumentation**

Piccolo  
3 Flutes  
2 Oboes  
2 Bassoons  
Contrabassoon (optional but preferred)

3 Clarinets in Bb  
2 Bass Clarinets in Bb (second part optional but preferred)  
Contrabass Clarinet in Bb (optional but preferred)

2 Alto Saxes  
Tenor Sax  
Baritone Sax

3 Trumpets in Bb  
4 French Horns  
3 Trombones (2 Tenor, 1 Bass)  
Euphonium  
Tuba

### **Percussion (7 players)**

Player 1: Marimba and crash cymbals  
Player 2: Vibraphone  
Player 3: Xylophone  
Player 4: Suspended Cymbals: Crash, China, Splash, and Hi-Hat;  
                 Crotalles with bow, Sand blocks (drywall sanding blocks preferred), crash cymbals  
Player 5: Cabasa and Snare Drum  
Player 6: Tambourine  
Player 7: Bass Drum (with textured head - smooth plastic will not work)

Percussion Player 4

Sus. Crash      China      Splash      Hi-hat      Tam-Tam scrapes

## **Performance Notes**

In measure 5, "percussive whispering" begins. Divide the ensemble in half, left and right. The right side whispers (percussive, no pitch) the "stems up" notes on the "Whispers" staff; the left side whispers the "stems down" notes. Note that not every player performs this "whispers" part. (Flutes and a few percussionists do not.)

In the final bar, the entire percussion section vocalizes a single whisper that quickly fades to silence, but should last a bit longer than a single measure (thus the fermata).

It is essential that the xylophone part be played with the mallet types (yarn, then medium plastic) as requested.

The bass drum part must be played on a head with texture (i.e., not a drum set bass drum). If the only drum available is smooth plastic, add texture by adhering a few strips of painter's tape to the head, and performing the "paper" and brushes parts on that textured tape.

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*J=120*

Piccolo  
Flute I  
Flute 2-3  
Oboes  
Bassoons  
Contrabassoon

B♭ Clarinet I  
B♭ Clarinet 2-3  
Bass Clarinets  
Contrabass Clarinet

Alto Sax I  
Alto Sax 2  
Tenor Sax  
Baritone Sax

Whispers \*  
*J=120*

B♭ Trumpet I  
B♭ Trumpet 2-3  
Horn 1-2  
Horn 3-4  
Trombone I

Tbn. 2, Bass Tbn.  
Euphonium  
Tuba

Marimba  
Vibraphone  
Xylophone  
Sand Blocks  
Cabasa  
Tambourine  
Bass Drum

\* divide ensemble in half, left and right

Right side whispers (percussive, no pitch) "stems up" notes,  
Left side whispers "stems down" notes.

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Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Whispers

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo.

S. Bl.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

De Ta De sim. Ka Ta Ka Ta De Mi

**A**

Picc.

Fl. I      *pp*

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Whispers      Ta — Ka — Ta — Ta —  
Ta — Ka — De — Mi — Ta —

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.      *articulate mallets, but not hard - should still resonate*

Vibes      *pp*

Xylo

S. Bl.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

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**A**      *yarn mallets*

*pp*

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Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Crt.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

*p*

*l.* *p*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*motor on, med. slow*

*mp*

*Crotales bowed*

*mf*

*pp*

*with brushes*

*mp*



30

Picc. Fl. I Fl. 2-3 Ob. Bsn. C. Bn.

Clar. I Clar. 2-3 Bs. Cl. Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx.

Tpt. I Tpt. 2-3 Horn 1-2 Horn 3-4 Tbn. I Tbn. 2-3 Euph. Tuba

Mba. Vibes Xylo Crt. Cabasa Tamb. BD

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C

A page of musical notation for orchestra and percussion, ending with a large watermark.

The page is numbered 35 at the top left. The key signature is four flats. The time signature changes from common time to 7/8 and then back to common time. The instrumentation includes Picc., Fl. I, Fl. 2-3, Ob., Bsn., C. Bn., Clar. I, Clar. 2-3, Bs. Cl., Cb. Cl., A. Sx. I, A. Sx. 2, T. Sx., B. Sx., Tpt. I, Tpt. 2-3, Horn 1-2, Horn 3-4, Tbn. I, Tbn. 2-3, Euph., Tuba, Mba., Vibes, Xylo, Assorted Cymbals (with a note: "single long scrape with triangle beater"), Cymb., Cabasa, Tamb., and BD.

Musical markings include dynamics like *f*, *fp*, *mf*, *mf* (with a note: "tutti"), *ff*, *p*, *mp*, *pp*, and *p*. Performance instructions include "a2", "tutti", and "single long scrape with triangle beater". Measure numbers 7 and 8 are marked on the staves.

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D

Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Whispers

*mf (all)*

Ta - ka - de Ta - ka - de Ta

remove mute

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

45

Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo.

Cymb.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

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Picc. *ff*

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob. *ff* **4**

Bsn.

C. Bn. *ff*

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3 **4** *ff* **7** **8**

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2 **4** *ff* **7** **8**

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I **4** *ff* **7** **8**

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb. **4** *ff* **7** **8**

Cabasa

Tamb. *fp*

BD

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Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

F

F

F

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This page contains three systems of musical notation. System 1 (measures 1-4) features woodwind entries: Flute 1, Flute 2-3, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2-3, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon Clarinet, Alto Saxophone 1, Alto Saxophone 2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trumpet 1, Trumpet 2-3, Horn 1-2, Horn 3-4, Trombone 1, Trombone 2-3, Euphonium, and Tuba. Dynamic markings include <math>\frac{1}{2}p</math>, <math>\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}p</math>, and <math>p</math>. System 2 (measures 5-8) features brass entries: Mba, Vibraphone, Xylophone, Cymbals, Cabasa, Tambourine, and Bass Drum. Dynamic markings include <math>p</math> and <math>pp</math>. System 3 (measures 9-12) features rhythmic patterns for the mba, vibraphone, xylophone, cymbals, cabasa, tambourine, and bass drum. The score is in 2/4 time, key signature is F major (one sharp).

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Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

as crisply as possible  
*mp*

as crisply as possible  
2.  
*mp*

as crisply as possible  
*mp*

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4

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Picc.

Fl. I f

Fl. 2-3 f

Ob. 4/4 p f

Bsn. p mf p

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3 4/4 7 8

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I 4/4 7 8 p mf

A. Sx. 2 4/4 p mf

T. Sx. p mf pp

B. Sx. p mf pp

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2 a 2 mf p

Horn 3-4 p mf 7 8 p

Tbn. I 4/4 7 8 2 4 6 8 4/4

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba. mf

Vibes mf

Xylo

Cymb. 4/4 mf 7 8 2 4 6 8 4/4

Cabasa mf

Tamb. mf

BD

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Picc. *p* *mp*

Fl. I *p* *mp*

Fl. 2-3 *mp*

Ob. *p* *7* *8* *4* *4*

Bsn. *p*

C. Bn. *p*

Clar. I *mp* *6* *7* *8* *4* *4*

Clar. 2-3 *mf* *p* *mp* *1.* *mf*

Bs. Cl. *p*

Cb. Cl. *p*

A. Sx. I *mp* *f* *mp* *p* *4* *4*

A. Sx. 2 *mp* *f* *mp* *p* *4* *4*

T. Sx. *p*

B. Sx. *p*

Tpt. I *p* *2.* *p*

Tpt. 2-3 *p*

Horn 1-2 *p* *7* *8* *7* *8* *4* *4*

Horn 3-4 *p*

Tbn. I *mp* *f* *2.* *mp*

Tbn. 2-3 *p*

Euph. *p*

Tuba *p*

Mba. *mp*

Vibes *mp*

Xylo *mp* *mf p*

Cymb. *p* *(scrape)* *7* *8* *4* *4*

Cabasa *pp*

Tamb. *pp*

BD *pp*

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H

Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo.

Cymb.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo.

Cymb.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

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Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Whispers

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb.

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

98 I

Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. 1  
*omit parenthetical note if necessary*

*p*

A. Sx. 2  
*omit parenthetical note if necessary*

*p*

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba I

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Sandblock

Cabasa

Tamb.

BD

*con sord : harmon, stem in*

*p*

*cresc.*

*sim.*

*cresc.*

*sim.*

*cresc.*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*pp*

*cresc.*

*p*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*p*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*p*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*pp*

*cresc.*

*p*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*pp*

*cresc.*

*p*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*pp*

*cresc.*

*p*

*mp*

*cresc.*

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Picc. f

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob. 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I f

Clar. 2-3 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

A. Sx. 2 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

J Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3 8 a 2

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb. Assorted Cymbals 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

S.Dr. f

Tamb. ff f

BD

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Picc.  $\text{ff}$  6

Fl. I  $\text{ff}$

Fl. 2-3  $a^2$  6

Ob. 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

Bsn.  $f$  6  $ff$

C. Bn.  $ff$   $f$

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

Bs. Cl.  $ff$

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.  $f$  6  $ff$

B. Sx.  $f$  6  $ff$

Tpt. I  $f$

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I 7 8 4 4 7 8 4 4 7 8

Tbn. 2-3  $f$

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.  $ff$

Vibes  $f$   $ff$

Xylo

Cymb. 7 8 4 4  $ff$  3-6 7 8 to crash cymbals if possible 4 4 7 8

S.Dr.  $ff$   $f$

Tamb.  $ff$

BD  $f$

*mp*



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Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob. 7 8 a<sup>2</sup>

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3 7 8 ff 4 4 f

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2 7 8 ff 4 4 f

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I 7 8 ff 4 4 f

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Mba.

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb. 7 8 ff 4 4 f

S.Dr.

Tamb.

BD

poco rit.

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Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Crash

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb.

S.Dr.

Tamb.

BD

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Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. 2-3

Ob.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Clar. I

Clar. 2-3

Bs. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sx. I

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. I

Tpt. 2-3

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Tbn. I

Tbn. 2-3

Euph.

Tuba

Crash

Vibes

Xylo

Cymb.

S.Dr.

Tamb.

BD

\* Percussion whisper (no pitch), fade to silence (fermata indicates non-specific fade time)