

Full Score

“Before the mountians were born....”

(Psalm 90:2, 98:8,9)

Concert Band
(Grade 4)

Stephen Hill
(ASCAP)

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(*Psalm 90:2, 98:8,9*)

Instrumentation

Piccolo

Flute 1-2

Oboe

Bb Clarinet 1-3

Bb Bass Clarinet

Bassoon

Eb Alto Saxophone 1-2

Bb Tenor Saxophone

Eb Baritone Saxophone

Bb Trumpet 1-3

French Horn 1-4

Trombone 1-3

Euphonium

Tuba

String Bass

Timpani

Percussion

(Snare Drum, Bass Drum, 3 Toms, High-Hat, Triangle,
Tambourine, Shaker, Rain Stick, Wind Chimes, Cymbals, Gong)

Mallets

(Chimes, Vibraphone, Marimba, Glockenspiel)

Piano

Duration - ca. 7:20

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About the Work... “*Before the mountains were born...*” (Grade 4) is a two-movement work reflecting two Old Testament passages.

1. Chorale - Psalm 90:2 “*Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity, you are God.*”

Lyrical and Polytonal. The Chorale begins the work with gentleness and returns after the Toccata to conclude in triumph.

2. Toccata - Psalm 98:8,9 “*Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains shout together for joy before the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world righteously and the peoples fairly.*”

The Toccata begins with a rhythmic timpani solo that remains upbeat and joyful as each section enters, culminating in a jubilant and rapturous tutti. The timpani solo returns and sets up the closing section. The brass section enters, joined with accompanying woodwind flourishes that build to a triumphant restatement of the Chorale.

About the Composer... Stephen Hill (b.1958) was born and raised in Southern California. His compositional lineage includes the likes of Roy Harris, Ingolf Dahl, Clifton Williams, Bernard Rogers, and Howard Hanson through study with Philip Westin (Cerritos College, 1976-1978) and most notably with W. Francis McBeth at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas (1978-1980). Stephen continued with graduate work at California State University, Los Angeles (1980-83) with composers Dr. Byong Kon Kim and William Hill. He composes for the simple joy of it.

For over 40 years, Stephen taught K-12 instrumental music in the Private Christian School (Whittier Christian) and Public School (California High School) settings. Though semi-retired, Stephen still works with students by continuing to teach part-time at California High School and maintaining his private music studio, where he plays and teaches Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, and Piano. Stephen also plays with the church orchestra at Calvary Chapel in La Habra, CA., where Stephen attends. When teaching full-time, he was primarily a "summer" composer. No longer teaching full-time, Stephen has the privilege to compose beyond just the summer months and publishes through his company, SARAHTIM—a title which comes from simply combining the name of his daughter Sarah and son Timothy. (*Notes by Dr. John Burdett, Azusa Pacific University*).

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“*Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand with His gracious presence.*”
J.S.Bach

“*The Lord is my shepherd... ” (Psalm 23)*

"Before the mountians were born..."

(1. Chorale - Psalm 90:2 / 2. Toccata - Psalm 98:8)

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1. Chorale

Reflectively ↳=56

DYUSSA

14 Reflectively $\text{♩} = 56$

Full Score

"Before the mountains were born..."

Bs.Cl. / 1st Cl Cadenza (ms.10-13) Freely

Fl. 1,2 pp

Ob. pp

Cl. 1 pp

Cl. 2,3 pp Solo Cadenza

B. Cl. mp Bs.Cl. Solo Cadenza

Bsn. mp

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba. Bs.Cl. Solo Cadenza pp

S. Bass

Tim.

S. D. B.D.

Tom-t Hi-Hat

Cymbal Shaker Maracas Gong/Ride Stick p

Mlt. 1

Mlt.

Pno.

Glk. pp Vibes pp pp pp

A complex musical score page featuring multiple staves for various instruments, including Picc., Flutes, Oboe, Clarinets, Bassoon, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Trombones, Horns, Tuba, Euphonium, Double Bass, Timpani, and Piano. The score includes dynamic markings like **p**, **pp**, and **ppp**, and performance instructions like "Muted (Rubato)". Large, stylized black numbers and letters are overlaid on the page, particularly on the left side and in the center, suggesting a visual representation of the music's structure or a specific performance technique.

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rit. A Tempo

DYING

Fl. 1,2
Ob.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2,3
B. Cl.
Bsn.
Alto Sax. 1,2
Ten. Sax.
Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2,3
Hn. 1,2
Hn. 3,4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2,3
Euph.
Tba.
S. Bass
Timp.
S. D.
B.D.
Tom-t.
Hat
Cym./Tamb
Shaker/Vibes
Gong/Rain Stick
Mlt. 1
Mlt.
Pno.

W. Ch
Rain Stick
W. Ch
Vibes
P Chime
P Chime

"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

A musical score page for orchestra and piano, numbered 33. The page features a large, stylized watermark reading "PLAY" in a bold, black, cursive font. The music is arranged in two systems. The top system includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1,2, Ob., Cl. 1, Cl. 2,3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax. 1,2, Ten. Sax., and Bari. Sax. The bottom system includes parts for Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2,3, Hn. 1,2, Hn. 3,4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2,3, Euph., Tba., S. Bass, Timp., S. D. B.D., Tam. t. Hat, Cym./Tamb. Shaker/, Chimes Gong, Rain Stick, Vibes, Mlt. 1, Mlt. 2, and Pno. Various dynamics like pp, mp, mf, and open are indicated throughout the score.

P.Y.U.S.

rit.

picc.
Fl. 1,2
Ob.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2,3
B. Cl.
Bsn.
Alto Sax. 1,2
Ten. Sax.
Bari. Sax.
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2,3
Hn. 1,2
Hn. 3,4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2,3
Euph.
Tba.
S. Bass
Timp.
S. D.
B.D.
Tom-t.
Hat
Cym./Tamb
Shaker/Chimes
Gong
Chime Stick
C.C.
Mlt.
Pno.

"Before the mountains were born..."

"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

7

42 A Tempo

Fl. 1,2
Ob.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2,3
B. Cl.
Bsn.
Alto Sax. 1,2
Ten. Sax.
Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2,3
Hn. 1,2
Hn. 3,4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2,3
Euph.
Tba.
S. Bass
Timp.
S. D.
B.D.
Tom-t
Hi-Hat
Cym./A
Shaker/W
Gong/H
Rain Stick

Mlt. 1
Mlt.

Pno.

rit.

42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51

2. Toccata

8

Full Score

"Before the mountains were born..."

8

52 Joyful ♩=146

Picc.

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2,3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass pizz.

Timp. p

S. D. B.D.

Tom-t. Hat

Cym./Tamb.
Shaker/Maracas
Gong/Gong Stick

Pt. 1

Mlt. 2

Pno.

Joyful

"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

9

DYUSSA

Full Score

Picc.

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2,3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

S. D. B.D.

Tom-t. Hat

Cym./Tamb
Shaker/W. Chimes
Gong/Can Stick

Mly. 1

Mly. 2

Pno.

59

60

61

62

63

Full Score

"Before the mountains were born..."

10

64

Fl. 1,2
Ob.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2,3
B. Cl.
Bsn.
Alto Sax. 1,2
Ten. Sax.
Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2,3
Hn. 1,2
Hn. 3,4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2,3
Euph.
Tba.

S. Bass
Timp.

S. D.
B.D.
Cym.t.
Tamb.
Shaker
Chimes
Gong
Xylo. Stick

Ml. 1,2
Pno.

10

64

65

66

67

68

69

"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

11

POLY

73

70 71 72 73 74 75

Full Score

"Before the mountains were born..."

12

Day 15

Fl. 1,2
Ob.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2,3
B. Cl.
Bsn.
Alto Sax. 1,2
Ten. Sax.
Bari. Sax.
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2,3
Hn. 1,2
Hn. 3,4
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2,3
Euph.
Tba.
S. Bass
Timp.
S. D.
B.D.
Tom-t.
Hat
Cym./Tamb.
Shaker/W.
Chimes
Gong/Can
Stick
Mlt. 1
Pno.

76 77 78 79 80 81

"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

13

Score

Music

82

Picc. *fff*

Fl. 1,2 *fff*

Ob. *fff*

Cl. 1 *fff*

Cl. 2,3 *fff*

B. Cl. *fff*

Bsn. *fff*

Alto Sax. 1,2 *fff*

Ten. Sax. *fff*

Bari. Sax. *fff*

Tpt. 1 *fff*

Tpt. 2,3 *fff*

Hn. 1,2 *fff*

Hn. 3,4 *fff*

Tbn. 1 *fff*

Tbn. 2,3 *fff*

Euph. *fff*

Tba. *fff*

S. Bass *fff*

Timp. *fff*

S. D.
B.D.

Tom-t.
Hat

Cym./Mar.
Shaker/Vibraphone
Gong/Chin Stick *fff*

Mlt. 1 *mp*

Mlt. *mp*

Pno. *mp*

p

Tri.

soli

mf

soli

a2

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Full Score

15

DEYUSSA

95 96 97 98 99 100

104

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"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

113

113

Picc.

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2,3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

S. D.

B.D.

Tom-t.

Hat

Cym./Tamb.

Shaker/Vibes

Gong

Ban. Stick

Mlt. 1

Mlt.

Pno.

f

a2

f

f

mf

mf

"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

19

Picc.

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2,3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

S. D.
B.D.

Tom-t.
Hi-Hat

Cym./
Cymbal
Shaker/
Timpani
Gong/
Tin Stick

Mlt. 1

Mlt.

Pno.

121

122

123

124

Full Score

"Before the mountains were born..."

125 **Jubilant!**

Picc. *ff*

Fl. 1,2 *ff*

Ob. *ff*

Cl. 1 *ff* *a2*

Cl. 2,3 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

Bsn. *ff* *a2*

Alto Sax. 1,2 *ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Bari. Sax. *ff*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2 *ff*

Hn. 3,4 *ff*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph. *ff*

Tba. *ff* *pizz*

S. Bass *ff*

Tim. *j*

S. D.
B.D.

Tom-t
Hi-Hat *cc*

Cym.
Shaker/
Gong/R.
Stick C.C.

Mlt. 1 *ff* *Glk*

Mlt. *ff* Marimba

Pno. *ff* *8vb*

"Before the mountains were born..."

126 **127** **128** **129** **130**

"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

21

134

Picc.

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2,3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

S. D.
B.D.

Tom-t.
Hat

Cym./Jamb
Shaker/Windchimes
Gong/Drum Stick

Mlt.

Pno.

131

132

133

134

135

PICK YOUR COUSIN

picc.

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2,3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass.

Timp.

S. D. B.D.

Tom-t. Hat

Cym./Tamb
Shaker/W. chimes
Gong/Ch. Stick

Mlt. 1

Mlt.

Pno.

"Before the mountains were born..."

142

Full Score

23

Picc.

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2,3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

S. D.
B.D.

Tom-t.
Hi-Hat

Cym./Jamb
Shaker/Vibraphone
Gong/Drum Stick

Mlt. 1

Vibes, +Xylo

Mlt.

Pno.

141

142

143

144

145

Full Score

"Before the mountains were born..."

24

Picc.

Fl. 1,2

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2,3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax. 1,2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2,3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2,3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

S. D.
B.D.

Tom-tom
Hi-Hat

Cym./Shaker/Wood Block
Gong/Perc. Stick

Mlt. 1

Mlt.

Pno.

150

"Before the mountains were born..."

"Before the mountains were born..."

Full Score

25

D
E
C
T
E
R
Y

152 153 154 155 156

Full Score

"Before the mountains were born..."

rit. -

o
B
A
G
F#
E
D
C

26

Majestic = 60

Before the mountains were born... rit.

157

Picc. ff

Fl. 1,2 ff

Ob. ff

Cl. 1 ff

Cl. 2,3 ff

B. Cl. ff

Bsn. ff

Alto Sax. 1,2 ff

Ten. Sax. ff

Bari. Sax. ff

Tpt. 1 ff

Tpt. 2,3 ff

Hn. 1,2 ff

Hn. 3,4 ff

Tbn. 1 ff

Tbn. 2,3 ff

Euph. ff

Tba. ff

S. Bass ff

Timp. ff

S. D. ff

B.D. ff

Tom-tom ff

Hi-Hat ff

Cymbal ff

Shaker ff

Tambourine ff

Gong ff

C.C. ff

C.C. ff

C.C. ff

Sus. C. ff

Glk. ff

Vibes (-Xylo) ff

Mlt. 1 ff

Mlt. ff

Pno. ff

157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165