The Salvation Army USA Western Territory

GRADE

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord (Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, arr. Stephen Bulla)



American Instrumental Ensemble Series

Full Score



Approximate Duration: 3:00







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Program Note

This is an arrangement of a contemporary Christian song. It was made popular by one of its co-writers, Matt Redman, as a music video for worship. The inspiration for the song came from the opening verse of Psalm 103:"Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name."

Note to the Conductor

From the top, a steady pulse and sense of rhythm should be established, with or without drum set. Take advantage of the opening dynamic swells for expressive interest. At measure 5 the sustained melody in Part 2 should be dominant, with a sense of forward motion. In other words, it should not drag or slow down in any way. Note that the repeat of this section adds a counter line in Parts I and 5 (plus Bells).

At measure 27 there is an interlude that provides a transition into the new key. In these measures the hairpin dynamics again provide opportunity for some dramatic swells. This material then grows into the *forte* dynamic and tempo change that leads into measure 35. Be sure to spend some time on this transition.



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