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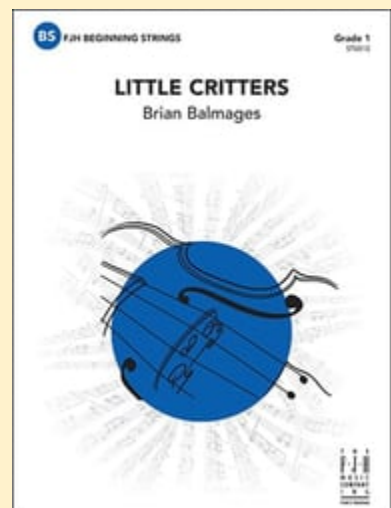
Grade .5

Link to Leviathan: [Leviathan by Timothy J. Isham | JW Pepper Sheet Music](#)

This epic piece depicts the legendary monster Leviathan, ancient scourge of the seas. The fearsome creature is depicted in E dorian, featuring familiar bow rhythms supporting a melody that is passed around to all sections. Duration 1:30

Little Critters

Brian Balmages - FJH Music Company Inc



Grade 1

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The vivid imagery of little critters scurrying about at night inspires the melodic lines and creative harmonies of this programmatic work. The music builds as new critters join the fun in a playful dialogue. The harmonic language moves between pleasant consonance and slight dissonance. A highly imaginative work! Duration 2:00

Mill Creek Stomp

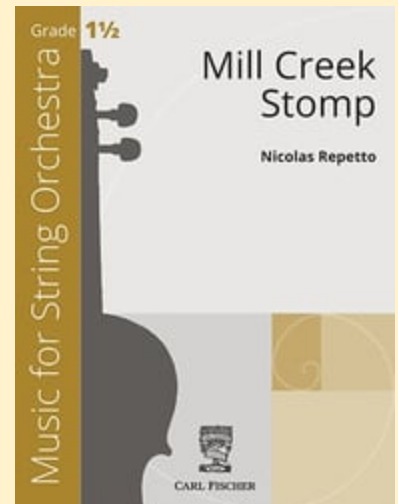
Nicolas Repetto - Carl Fischer LLC



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Link to Mill Creek Stomp: [Mill Creek Stomp by Nicolas Repetto](#)

A joyous, folksy dance where everyone has a stomping good time! All sections share the straightforward melody of basic quarter notes and eighth notes set in cut time. The piece showcases staccato, legato, pizzicato sections, stomping, and an optional tambourine part for extra energy and fun. Duration 2:00



Celtic Sunrise

Soon Hee Newbold - FJH Music Company Inc



Grade 1.5

Link to Celtic Sunrise: [Celtic Sunrise by Soon Hee Newbold | JW Pepper Sheet Music](#)

Experience the beauty and power of a Celtic dawn in this accessible yet powerful-sounding work. Driving rhythms and decisive open intervals depict the countryside and rolling hills of Scotland. Optional percussion parts add to the festive quality of the piece which will give young ensembles a mature sound. Duration 2:00



Themes from *The New World*



Antonin Dvorak/arr. Doug Adams - Alfred Publishing Belwin Division



Grade 1.5

Link to Themes from *The New World*:

[Themes from The New World by Antonin Dvorak/arr. | JW Pepper Sheet Music](#)

This arrangement will introduce young string players to themes from Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, *From the New World*. While technical obstacles have been eliminated, this piece provides teaching opportunities for dynamic shading and contouring as well as diverse articulations. Duration 3:00

Snowfall at Dusk

Aaron Fryklund - Carl Fischer LLC



Grade 2



Link to Snowfall at Dusk: [Snowfall at Dusk by Aaron Fryklund | JW Pepper Sheet Music](#)

This elegant and nostalgic piece depicts gentle snow falling as twilight fades on a winter's eve. The legato theme features slurred phrases and sustained pedal-tone pitches to help develop tone and bow-control skills. The contrasting staccato section sparkles like snowflakes in the golden sun, with easy meter changes and a playful syncopated feel before ending with a soft diminuendo. Duration 2:30

A Pirate's Plunder

Neridah Oostenbroek - FJH Music Company Inc



Grade 2

Link to A Pirate's Plunder: [A Pirate's Plunder by Neridah Oostenbroek](#)

Embark on a journey across the high seas with this gusty piece that captures the rogue nature of Caribbean pirates. Featuring contrasting sections and techniques such as harmonics, pizzicato, and double stops, there is never a dull moment. Duration 3:00



Montego Bay

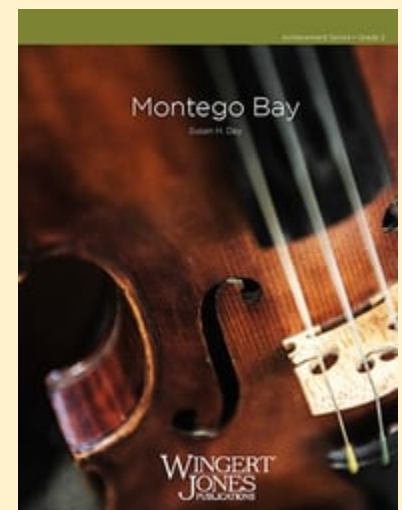
Susan H. Day - Wingert-Jones Publications



Grade 2

Link to A Montego Bay: [Montego Bay by Susan H. Day | JW Pepper Sheet Music](#)

Take a trip to Jamaica in this catchy tune with optional Latin percussion! This joyful piece features simple syncopation and melodic lines in all sections, evoking bright images of the sunny Caribbean. Sure to delight young players! Includes extra parts for Viola in treble clef in Violin 2 in alto clef for flexible ensembles. Duration 2:50



Voyager

Soon Hee Newbold - FJH Music Company Inc



Grade 2.5

Link to A Voyager: [Voyager by Soon Hee Newbold | JW Pepper Sheet Music](#)

Take flight through the soaring melodic lines of this bold work that lets your students' imaginations run wild. Whether on the back of a hawk or on a journey to space, this energetic piece keeps all sections engaged rhythmically and melodically. A dynamic key change adds to the adrenaline rush. Thrilling! Duration 2:30



Restful River Rondo

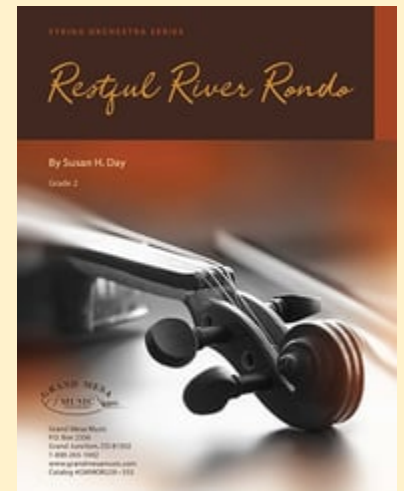
Susan H. Day - Grand Mesa Music



Grade 2.5

Link to A Restful River Rondo: [Restful River Rondo by Susan H. Day](#)

This expressive string work was written to honor the career of a World War I veteran and education icon in Colorado. The lyrical melodies in D major and D minor depict peaceful, happy images of a tranquil flowing river. Duration 3:30



The Blue Caves of Zakynthos

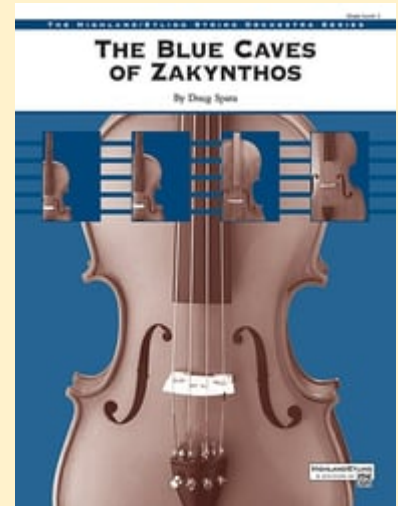
Doug Spata - Highland/Etling Publishing



Grade 3

Link to The Blue Caves of Zakynthos: [The Blue Caves of Zakynthos by Doug Spata](#)

This rich cinematic selection features a dreamlike melody in all parts as well as a contrasting section of tension and release. This piece is a great way to work on tone and musicianship. Includes optional harp.



Dancing Waters

Sean O'Loughlin - Excelcia Music Publishing, LLC



Grade 3.5

Link to Dancing Waters: [Dancing Waters by Sean O'Loughlin](#)

This piece evokes beautiful imagery of flowing water in a setting like a film score that features lyrical lines for viola, cello, and bass sections. Duration 3:00



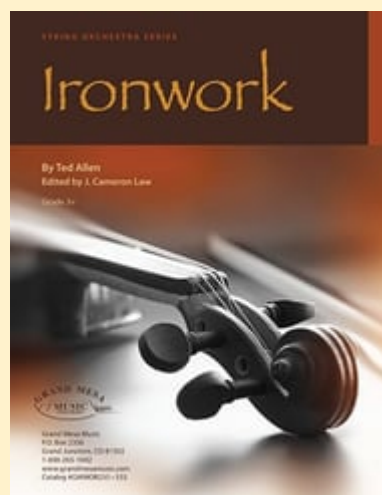
Ironwork

Ted Allen - Grand Mesa Music



Grade 3.5

Link to Ironwork: [Ironwork by Ted Allen | JW Pepper Sheet Music](#)



Ironwork alludes to both the heavy metal music genre and the art of blacksmithing, an ancient craft from prehistoric times. The opening unison riff is a great exercise in the Locrian mode, and the driving momentum continues through many modal shifts, punctuated with riffs and ostinatos and even some basic bariolage for second violins and violas. Exciting! Duration 3:00

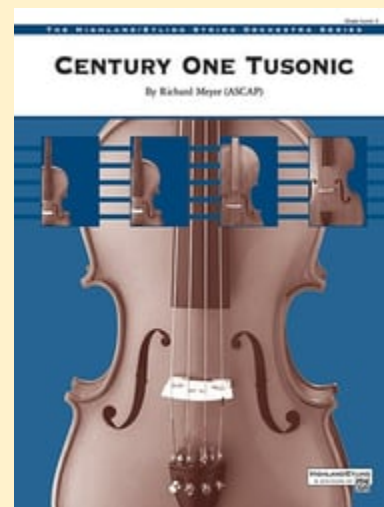
Century One Tusonic

Richard Meyer - Highland/Etling Publishing



Grade 4

Link to Century One Tusonic: [Century One Tusonic by Richard Meyer](#)



Tuneful, energetic, and emotional, this piece presents a sonic kaleidoscope of playing styles that will challenge every section of the advanced string orchestra. The unexpected harmonies and exotic rhythms give this selection a cinematic sound. Duration 6:30

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