Gospel Echoes

Commissioned by the Carlisle High School Band; Price, TX; Scott Rhame, Director for their performance as the T.M.E.A. 2002 Class A Honor Band

by Fred Allen

Complete Band Instrumentation

- 1 Full Score
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 3 Clarinet in Bb 1
- 4 Clarinet in Bb2
- 4 Clarinet in B^b 3
- 2 Bass Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon

- 4 Alto Saxophone
- 2 Tenor Saxohpne
- 1 Baritone Saxophone
- 4 Trumpet in B^b 1
- 4 Trumpet in Bb2
- 5 Horn in F
- 4 Trombone 1 / Euphonium 1
- 1 Euphonium 1 T.C.

- 4 Trombone 2 / Euphonium 2
- 1 Euphonium 2 T.C.
- 2 Bass Trombone (opt.Tuba Sub.)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Timpani
- 2 Bells / Chimes
- 3 Suspended Cymbal, Snare Drum, Bass Drum

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About the Music - - -

Churches of all denominations thrive in the Bible Belt, and the singing associated with worship and old-fashioned tent revivals is familiar to the residents of East Texas. It is not uncommon to find people in this region who still read the "shape notes" used to teach singing in the 19th century schools and churches. Songs in this genre are melodic and heartfelt, and frequently they have moving parts in the alto and tenor lines at the cadences: this composition has these features.

This piece was commissioned by the Carlisle High School Band from Price, Texas. It was premiered in their performance as the 2002 Class A Honor Band for the convention of the Texas Music Educators Association. Legato style should predominate in this piece, though the dotted rhythms must be accurate. Conductors should feel free to add rubato where appropriate.

About the Composer - - -

Fred J. Allen is Director of Bands at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. In addition to conducting the Wind Ensemble at SFASU, he also teaches conducting and music education classes. His areas of specialization include literature for bands and intonation of the wind instruments. Prior to his current position, Allen taught at Abilene Christian University.

His compositions and arrangements draw upon his experience teaching in the public schools in Texas. A hallmark of Allen's works is the freedom they allow the conductor/teacher to shape phrases in an expressive manner. He attempts to present opportunities for expressive playing within the range and rhythm constriction necessary for young instrumentalists. Allen is a member of the College Band Directors Association, Texas Music Educators Association, and Phi Beta Mu honorary bandmasters fraternity.

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