



Peaceful River

(I've got Peace Like a River)

TRADITIONAL
Arranged by MATTHEW R. PUTNAM

Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Flute	8
Oboe (Opt. Flute 2)	2
B♭ Clarinet	2
Bass Clarinet	2
Alto Saxophone	5
Tenor Saxophone	2
Baritone Saxophone	2
B♭ Trumpet	8
Horn in F	4
Alternate Horn in F	2
Trombone, Euphonium, Bassoon	6
Alternate Trombone	2
Baritone, E.C.	2
Tuba	4
String Bass	2
Timpani	2
Mallets	2
Bells	2
Percussion 1	2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2	5
Suspended Cymbal, Mark Tree, Triangle, Tambourine, Crash Cymbals	

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About the Arranger



Matthew Putnam is a North Carolina native who is a band and choral director, composer, arranger, and educator. He received his B.A. in Music Education from Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina in 1990. It is at Limestone where he met his wife, Deanna. They have two adult children - Dr. Brittany P. Geringer and Benjamin R. Putnam, Esquire. For twenty six years he taught music in the North Carolina public school system. He holds professional membership in both ASCAP and NAFME. Matt's last teaching position was as the director of bands at Polk County Middle School in Mill Spring, North Carolina, where he was selected as the "Teacher Of The Year" for the 2018-2019 school year. Matt retired from teaching in 2021 to dedicate more time to composition. In addition to serving as a staff composer for Excelcia Music Publishing, he currently serves as the Director of Music at Bethany Baptist Church in Forest City, North Carolina.

Over the course of his career, he has written hundreds of custom arrangements and compositions for middle school, high school, and college bands across the country. His compositions have been published by Excelcia Music Publishing, Wingert-Jones Publications, Carl Fischer Publishing and Row-Loff Productions. He is deeply devoted to music, his church, and most importantly - to his family.

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It has often been said that peace can be found in life's simplest moments: a glowing sunset, a warm cup of coffee, the smile of a loved one—there is beauty in simplicity. The timeless spiritual *I've Got Peace Like a River*, with its uncomplicated lyrics and melody, perfectly displays this truth, reminding the listener that having peace, love, and joy in one's soul is a recipe for a happy life. Referencing the classic song's flowing calmness and heartfelt simplicity, *Peaceful River* is intended to teach young musicians a legato style using only the first 6 notes taught in method books. It also demonstrates that there is beauty in simplicity. For both performer and listeners alike, *Peaceful River* serves as a reminder to slow down, breathe deeply, and find joy in the quiet and simple moments of life.



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(ASCAP)

Flowing ♩ = 100 *rit.* *a tempo*

Flute *mf* *f*

Oboe (Opt. Flute 2) *mf* *f*

B♭ Clarinet *mf* *f* *mp*

Bass Clarinet *mf* *f*

Alto Saxophone *mf* *f*

Tenor Saxophone *mf*

Baritone Saxophone *mf* *f*

Flowing ♩ = 100 *rit.* *a tempo*

B♭ Trumpet *mf* *f*

Horn in F *mf* *f*

Alternate Horn in F *mf* *f*

Trombone/Euphonium/Bassoon *mf* *f*

Alternate Trombone *mf* *f*

Tuba *mf* *f*

Timpani (B♭: E♭) *mf* *f*

Mallets (Bells) *mf* *f*

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum) Snares off

Percussion 2 (Suspended Cymbal, Mark Tree, Triangle, Tambourine, Crash Cymbals) *pp* *f*

Suspended Cymbal

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1 2 3 4 5

6

Fl.

Ob.

B \flat Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

6

B \flat Tpt.

Hn.

Alt. Hn.

Tbn./Euph./Bsn.

Alt. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mp

mp

mp

Cue: Tuba

Cue: Tuba

mp

Mark Tree

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

14

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

B \flat Cl. *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Sax. *mp*

T. Sax. *mp*
Play

B. Sax. *mp*

14

B \flat Tpt. *mp*

Hn. *mp*

Alt. Hn. *mp*
Play

Tbn./
Euph./
Bsn. *mp*

Alt. Tbn. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Timp.

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Triangle *mp*

13

14

15

16

17

18

Fl.

Ob.

B \flat Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B \flat Tpt.

Hn.

Alt. Hn.

Tbn./
Euph./
Bsn.

Alt. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Fl.

Ob.

B \flat Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B \flat Tpt.

Hn.

Alt. Hn.

Tbn./
Euph./
Bsn.

Alt. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

