

Die Menge der Engel

from Weihnachtshistorie, SWV 435

Brass Band

Arr.: Andrew Robertson Mackereth

Heinrich Schütz

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| 1 | Full Score | 2 | 1 st B $\flat$ Baritone |
| 1 | E $\flat$ Cornet | 2 | 2 nd B $\flat$ Baritone |
| 3 | Solo B $\flat$ Cornet I | 2 | 1 st Trombone tr^+ |
| 3 | Solo B $\flat$ Cornet II | 2 | 2 nd Trombone tr^+ |
| 1 | Repiano B $\flat$ Cornet | 1 | Bass Trombone tr^+ |
| 3 | 2 nd B $\flat$ Cornet | 2 | B $\flat$ Euphonium |
| 3 | 3 rd B $\flat$ Cornet | 3 | E $\flat$ Bass |
| 1 | B $\flat$ Flugelhorn | 3 | B $\flat$ Bass |
| 2 | Solo E $\flat$ Horn | 1 | Timpani (<i>optional</i>) |
| 2 | 1 st E $\flat$ Horn | | |
| 2 | 2 nd E $\flat$ Horn | | |

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Heinrich Schütz (Arr.: Andrew Robertson Mackereth)

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English: *Die Menge der Engel* is a movement from The Christmas Story (Weihnachts-Historie), SWV 435, is a musical setting of the Nativity in German by **Heinrich Schütz**, probably first performed in 1660 in Dresden. It was published as *Historia der Geburt Jesu Christi* (History of the birth of Jesus Christ) and is considered by many to be the first German oratorio. Schütz composed this work towards the end of a long and full life, during which he brought the musical style of **Giovanni Gabrieli** and other influential Italian composers northwards to the Protestant Courts of Kassel, Dresden and Copenhagen. It was probably first performed on Christmas Day 1660, when he was 75 years of age, at the Elector of Saxony's Court Chapel in Dresden. This setting is based on the scoring of **Arnold Schering** in 1908 and the figured bass, one of the only surviving authentic sources of the composers' intentions.

It is hoped that in performance, the Solo Cornets and Trombones would be able to stand away from the band, either in a minstrel gallery or forming a semicircle around the band formation.

Conductor's Note:

A part has not been provided for cymbals, but conductors may wish to add additional colour and drama at key points.

Andrew Robertson Mackereth July 2026

Français: *Die Menge der Engel* est un mouvement extrait de The Christmas Story (Weihnachts-Historie), SWV 435, une mise en musique en allemand de la Nativité composée par **Heinrich Schütz**, probablement créée pour la première fois en 1660 à Dresde. Publiée sous le titre *Historia der Geburt Jesu Christi* (Histoire de la naissance de Jésus-Christ), cette œuvre est considérée par beaucoup comme le premier oratorio allemand.

Schütz composa cette œuvre vers la fin d'une vie longue et particulièrement féconde, au cours de laquelle il introduisit dans les cours protestantes de Cassel, Dresde et Copenhague le style musical de **Giovanni Gabrieli** et d'autres grands compositeurs italiens de son époque. L'œuvre fut vraisemblablement interprétée pour la première fois le jour de Noël 1660, alors que le compositeur était âgé de 75 ans, dans la chapelle de la cour de l'Électeur de Saxe à Dresde. Cette édition est fondée sur l'orchestration réalisée par **Arnold Schering** en 1908 ainsi que sur la basse chiffrée, l'une des rares sources authentiques conservées permettant de connaître les intentions du compositeur. Il est souhaitable, lors de l'exécution, que les cornets à bouquin et les trombones solistes soient placés à distance de l'ensemble principal, soit dans une tribune, soit disposés en demi-cercle autour de la formation.

Note du chef d'orchestre :

Aucune partie de cymbales n'a été prévue dans cette édition. Toutefois, les chefs d'orchestre pourront choisir d'en ajouter afin d'apporter davantage de couleur et de dramatisme aux moments les plus marquants de l'œuvre.

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Joyous $\text{♩} = 124$

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Score for *Die Menge der Engel* (Joyous $\text{♩} = 124$).

Instrumentation:

- E♭ Cornet
- Solo B♭ Cornet I
- Solo B♭ Cornet II
- Repiano B♭ Cornet
- 2nd B♭ Cornet
- 3rd B♭ Cornet
- B♭ Flugel Horn
- Solo E♭ Horn
- 1st E♭ Horn
- 2nd E♭ Horn
- 1st B♭ Baritone
- 2nd B♭ Baritone
- 1st B♭ Trombone
- 2nd B♭ Trombone
- Bass Trombone
- B♭ Euphonium
- E♭ Bass
- B♭ Bass
- Timpani (optional)

The score is written for a large brass ensemble. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo is marked "Joyous" with a quarter note equal to 124 beats per minute. The music features a variety of melodic lines, including a prominent one for the Repiano B♭ Cornet and B♭ Flugel Horn, and a strong harmonic foundation provided by the tubas and euphonium. The arrangement includes dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte).

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Score for measures 9 through 16, marked with a rehearsal symbol 'A' at measure 14. The score includes parts for the following instruments:

- E♭ Cnt.
- Solo Cnt. I
- Solo Cnt. II
- Rep. Cnt.
- 2nd Cnt.
- 3rd Cnt.
- Flug.
- Solo Hn.
- 1st Hn.
- 2nd Hn.
- 1st Bar.
- 2nd Bar.
- 1st Tbn.
- 2nd Tbn.
- B. Tbn.
- Euph.
- E♭ Bass
- B♭ Bass
- Timp.

Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). The score features various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and rests.

Score for measures 17 through 25, featuring various instruments and dynamics.

Instruments listed on the left:

- E♭ Cnt.
- Solo Cnt. I
- Solo Cnt. II
- Rep. Cnt.
- 2nd Cnt.
- 3rd Cnt.
- Flug.
- Solo Hn.
- 1st Hn.
- 2nd Hn.
- 1st Bar.
- 2nd Bar.
- 1st Tbn.
- 2nd Tbn.
- B. Tbn.
- Euph.
- E♭ Bass
- B♭ Bass
- Timp.

Measures 17-23 show various melodic and harmonic developments, with dynamics ranging from *f* to *mf*. Measure 24 features a key signature change to B major, indicated by a 'B' in a box. Measure 25 continues the music in B major.

Score for measures 26 through 34. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score includes parts for the following instruments:

- E♭ Cnt. (E-flat Cornet)
- Solo Cnt. I (Solo Cornet I)
- Solo Cnt. II (Solo Cornet II)
- Rep. Cnt. (Repetitive Cornet)
- 2nd Cnt. (Second Cornet)
- 3rd Cnt. (Third Cornet)
- Flug. (Flugelhorn)
- Solo Hn. (Solo Horn)
- 1st Hn. (First Horn)
- 2nd Hn. (Second Horn)
- 1st Bar. (First Baritone)
- 2nd Bar. (Second Baritone)
- 1st Tbn. (First Trombone)
- 2nd Tbn. (Second Trombone)
- B. Tbn. (Bass Trombone)
- Euph. (Euphonium)
- E♭ Bass (E-flat Bass)
- B♭ Bass (B-flat Bass)
- Timp. (Timpani)

Measure 26: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. all play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. are silent.

Measure 27: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. are silent. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*.

Measure 28: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. are silent. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*.

Measure 29: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. are silent. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*.

Measure 30: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. are silent. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*.

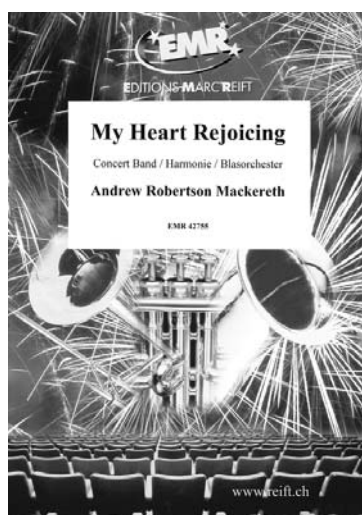
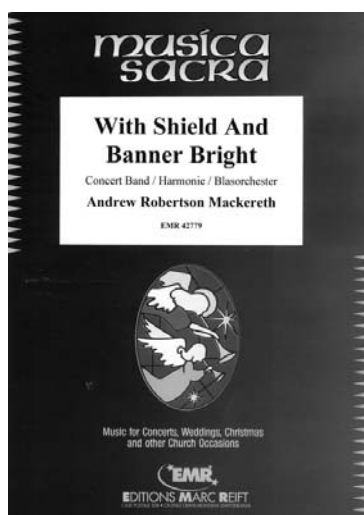
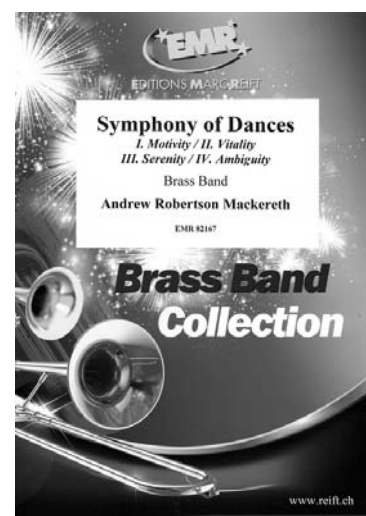
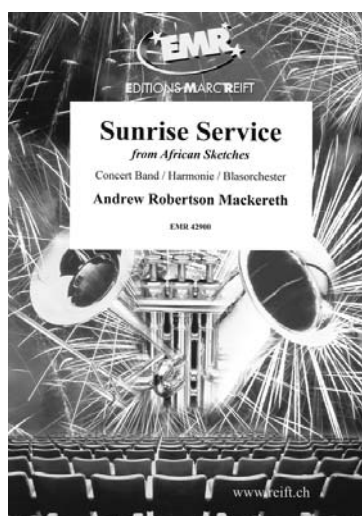
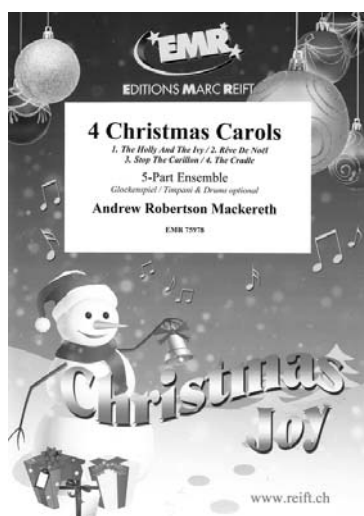
Measure 31: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. are silent. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*.

Measure 32: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. are silent. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*.

Measure 33: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. are silent. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*.

Measure 34: E♭ Cnt., Solo Cnt. I, Solo Cnt. II, and Rep. Cnt. are silent. The 2nd Cnt., 3rd Cnt., and Flug. play a whole note chord (F2, B♭1, D2, F2) marked *f*.

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