Brian Boru Cortège & Caelid

Wind Band / Concert Band / Harmonie / Blasorchester / Fanfare

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1	Score	2	1 st Trombone 🖌 + 9 :		
1	Piccolo	2	2 nd Trombone & + 9:		
4	1 st Flute	1	Bass Trombone 🖌 + 🤊		
4	2 nd Flute (optional)	3	Baritone & + 9:		
1	Oboe	2	E Bass		
2	Bassoons (2 nd optional)	2	B Bass		
1	E ^b Clarinet (optional)	2	Tuba 9 [:]		
5	1 st B ^b Clarinet	1	String Bass (optional)		
4	2 nd B [♭] Clarinet	1	Timpani (optional)		
4	3 rd B [♭] Clarinet	1	Tambourine		
1	B ^b Bass Clarinet	1	Drums		
1	B^b Soprano Saxophone (optional)				
2	1 st E ^b Alto Saxophone				
2	2 nd E ^b Alto Saxophone		Special Parts		Fanfare Parts
2	B ^b Tenor Saxophone	1	1 st B ^b Trombone 9 [:]	•	1 ef Elle II
1	E ^b Baritone Saxophone	1	2 nd B ^b Trombone 9 ^c	2	1 st Flugelhorn
1	E ^b Trumpet / Cornet (optional)	l		2	2 nd Flugelhorn
3	1 st B ^b Trumpet / Cornet	1	B ^b Bass Trombone 9 [:]	2	3 rd Flugelhorn
	2 nd B ^b Trumpet / Cornet	1	B♭ Baritone 9 :		
3	•	1	E♭ Tuba 9 :		
3	3 rd B ^b Trumpet / Cornet	1	B♭ Tuba 9 :		
2	1 st F & E♭ Horn	-			

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2nd F & E^b Horn



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Andrew Mackereth was born in Gateshead, in the North-East of England in 1965. A fourth generation Salvationist, he first attended a meeting aged barely a week old. The son of officer parents, he has lived in many places including 4 years in Zambia and nine years in Kingston-upon-Hull. It was here that he began his earliest musical training.

In 1982, he returned to his native North-East to enrol on the Certificate in Brass Band Studies Course at Newcastle College of Arts & Technology, studying trombone, euphonium and tuba. In 1984, Andrew gained a place at the Birmingham School of Music to study Trombone and Composition, later studying Percussion and Conducting also. In his fourth year, he won the Bernhard Brown Memorial Composition Prize. At the completion of his studies, he entered the teaching profession first in Nuneaton before moving to Birmingham to become Head of Music in the largest UK school.

His first publication was the song "Ring the Bells of Heaven" in 1987, but it was 1996 before his first piece for brass band entered the repertoire. To date, more than 500 of his compositions; religious and secular are in print; many frequently feature on the concert programmes of Salvation Army Bands. In November of 2008 he was honoured by the New York Staff Band with a concert of his music entitled Profile 30. Andrew has led music programmes in Argentina, America, Germany and Netherlands and guest conducts brass bands in Germany and Sweden.

Numerous commissions include STANDARD BEARERS for the International Staff Band of The Salvation Army, HYMNUS for Wilhelmina Easterein (Netherlands) and EXALTATION for the Melbourne Staff Band. Other notable collaborations include North York Temple Band, Canadian Staff Band, Amsterdam Staff Band and Songsters. His bass trombone solo: Swing Low has been recorded by the renowned Bass Trombonist: Douglas Yeo and Tubist: Leslie Neish.

In addition to numerous guest conducting appearances, Andrew is the Bandmaster of the Nuneaton Salvation Army Band, The Salvation Army Symphonic Wind Ensemble and The Glebe Symphonic Wind Orchestra.



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Brian Boru was the High King of Ireland from 1002 to 1014. He ended the domination of the High Kingship of Ireland by the Uí Néill and is likely responsible for ending Viking invasions. Brian Boru is mentioned in the Annals of Inisfallen and in Chronicon Scotorum as "Brian mac Cennétig" (Brian, son of Cennétig).

The name Brian Boru was given to him posthumously. Brian built on the achievements of his father, Cennétig mac Lorcain, and his elder brother, Mathgamain. Brian first made himself king of Munster, eventually becoming High King of Ireland. He was the founder of the O'Brien dynasty and is widely regarded as one of the most successful and unifying monarchs in medieval Ireland.

Brian Boru died in the Battle of Clontarf in which his army defeated the Vikings. This tune, originally a slow air, commemorates the journey where his body was brought back to Armagh for burial.

This arrangement was written in memory of Brian O'Carroll at the request of his wife, Cathy for the Wind Band Association.

Performance Note:

The opening figure is written to represent the journey of the funeral cortège and could be enhanced by substituting the Flute solo with a penny whistle or a decant recorder. This would be equally impactful in performance if a penny whistle was included, or substituted at figure E.

Figure F is the representation of the caelid and can be repeated as many times as desired with the band adding body percussion, shouts and cheers in an improvised manner. D

The Drum part has a lot of music written for the tom-tom, this can be substituted (or doubled) on a bodhran.



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