Grade 2½

Music for String Orchestra

Viking Song

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Arranged by

Jay Coles

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I 8
Violin II 8
Violin III (Viola T.C.) 2
Viola 5
Cello 5
Bass 5

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Arranger's Notes

Viking Song is a vibrant arrangement of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's work, crafted to be both accessible and rewarding for young string players. This piece captures the adventurous spirit of the Vikings through its bold melodies and rhythmic drive, providing an engaging challenge that elevates the orchestra's sound. By emphasizing rich harmonies and dynamic contrasts, this arrangement allows developing musicians to explore mature musical expression, making them sound well beyond their years. It's a piece that inspires confidence and showcases the potential of young performers in a way that is both satisfying and musically fulfilling. Make sure to emphasize the importance of watching the conductor with this piece and highlight the key changes. I hope you enjoy working on this piece, taking a trip to the past when the Vikings sailed the seas.

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About the Arranger

Jay Coles (b. 1995) is a composer, author, conductor, clinician, and public speaker who brings fun, unique, and highly educational music to the stage. His music has been performed all over the world, including the Midwest Clinic. His music appears on various concert and festival lists as well as earned J.W. Pepper's Editor's choice selections. Mr. Coles holds degrees from Vincennes University and Ball State University.

Jay's books are published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers and Scholastic. His books have appeared in the New York Times, Teen Vogue, Buzzfeed, Bustle, and Entertainment Weekly, among other media outlets. His writing has won numerous award nominations and honors. Jay currently resides in Muncie, Indiana with his cat named Sage and when he's not composing music or writing books or cleaning up messes from his cat, he's playing drums for a band and playing video games, two of his favorite things to do. Jay is a member of ASCAP and is thrilled to be a part of the Carl Fischer family of composers.

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SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR (1875–1912)

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