Grade 2½

Music for String Orchestra

Allegretto

Symphony No. 7, Mvt. 2

Ludwig van Beethoven

Arranged by

Todd Parrish

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I 8
Violin II 8
Violin III (Viola T.C.) 2
Viola 5
Cello 5
Bass 5
Piano (Opt.) 1

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Arranger's Notes

At the 1813 premiere of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*, the audience was so enthralled with the mysterious second movement, they clamored for an immediate encore at the concert's conclusion. This now widely-recognized *Allegretto* was written at a time when the composer was struggling with his hearing loss. Some speculate the mournful theme was possibly an expression of his internal emotional conflict. The solemn opening ostinato is joined by a graceful sustained melody. Layering countermelody over melody, the movement develops harmonically and dynamically, crescendoing to a forceful *forte* before dropping back to a quiet *piano* conclusion.

About the Arranger

Todd Parrish (b. 1971) has taught public school orchestra at all levels for over 20 years in Illinois, Virginia and Florida. His ensembles have performed at many outstanding venues, including Atlanta Symphony Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall. He currently teaches high school orchestra and music theory in Winter Park, Florida.

Mr. Parrish received a Bachelor of Music Education from ORU in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he studied violin, piano, and string pedagogy. He received a Master of Music in orchestral conducting from the University of Arizona in Tucson, where he studied conducting with Jindong Cai, string quartet with cellist Nancy Green, and violin with Bonnie Terry. He has also studied conducting at workshops with many leading teachers in Colorado, South Carolina, Maine, and Aix-en-Provence, France.

Mr. Parrish arranges classical music for school orchestras and writes original compositions for all levels. In 2018, he became an orchestra editor for Carl Fischer Music in New York City. He has lead new music reading session clinics at music conferences around the country along with workshops on how to prepare music for publication. Contact: toddparrishcomposer@gmail.com

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