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First Movement of  
*A Symphony: New England Holidays*

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## INSTRUMENTATION

Flute (doubling Piccolo)  
Horn in F  
Bells  
Jew's Harp(s)  
Strings

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

The string writing assumes no more than 88664; best performed with 66442.

Ives writes that the Bells [orchestra bells] are to be "played lightly throughout or at a distance. If no bells, a piano may play the part."

The Jew's Harp(s) are indicated to "sound" in A -A -F; Ives says that "this part may be taken by 2 Clarinets, omitting the middle note (where there are 3)."

Additionally, "if the string orchestra is large, a Trombone or Bassoon may reinforce the 1st Cello part from (P) to (W)."

Conductors should also read these entries in the Critical Commentary following the music: 9-11 Vn2 and Va, 19-21 Fl and Vn2, 32 B1, 65 Vc, 67 Vc, 70 Fl, 149 Vn2/b.

*duration: ca. 9 minutes*

Performance material is available from the publisher on rental.

Very slowly (starting about 69 - 76 = ♩)

Flute

Horn  
in F

Bells

Violin 1  
(div.)

Violin 2  
(div.)

Viola  
(div.)

Violincello  
(div.)

Contrabass



Very slowly (starting about 69-76 = ♩)

Fl.

Hn.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

\*choke (see "Critical Commentary")

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**22** **E**<sup>2</sup> tempo  
Slowly again

Fl.  
Hn.

Slowly again

Vln. 1 div.  
one 3  
[all] 3

Vln. 2 all, arco *p*  
div. 3

Vla. all, arco *p*  
div. 3

Vlc. *p*  
div. 3

Cb.

**29**

Faster accel. still faster rit. Slower

Fl.  
Hn.

Faster accel. still faster rit. Slower

Vln. 1 div. *mf* 3 *p* *accel.* *p* unis. div.

Vln. 2 *mf* unis. *p* div.

Vla. unis. *mf* *p* div.

Vlc. *mf* *p* div.

Cb.

**26** **F**

Fl.  
Hn.

Vln. 1 (div.) one *p* 3  
unis. 3

Vln. 2 [p] unis. div. unis. 3

Vla.  
Vlc.  
Cb.

**32** **G** Slightly faster than 1st tempo primo

Fl.  
Hn.  
Bells (ad lib.)

\*The Bells are played lightly throughout or at a distance, and with but little change in volume. If no bells, a piano may play the part.

Slightly faster than 1st tempo primo  
Poco animando

Vln. 1 *mp* div. div. a 3 div. 3 *f* *mf*

Vln. 2 *mp* *mf*

Vla. *mp*

Vlc. *mp*

Cb. *mp*

Fl.

Hn.

Bells

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

**51**

**K**

rall.

rall. poco a poco

Slowly

**53**

**L**

rit.

decresc.

Very slowly

(No flute here if bells play)

pp

ppp

pppp

rit.

decresc.

Very slowly

all mutes off