

The cover art features a dark blue background with a complex, swirling pattern of lighter blue and white geometric shapes, resembling a whirlwind or a storm. The pattern consists of many small, star-like or leaf-like shapes that spiral inward. Scattered throughout the design are numerous small, glowing white circles of varying sizes, some of which are arranged in curved paths. A prominent feature is a large, multi-layered, glowing white swirl in the center, which has a textured, almost crystalline appearance. The overall effect is dynamic and energetic.

# Whirlwind

FIRST PRIZE WINNER – THE FRANK TICHELI COMPOSITION CONTEST

*for Concert Band*

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# WHIRLWIND

FOR CONCERT BAND

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### INSTRUMENTATION

1 Full Score	4 Tuba
8 Flute	1 Double Bass
1 Oboe	1 Keyboard (opt.)
1 Bassoon	2 Drone (any bass instrument)
12 Bb Clarinet	2 Glockenspiel
3 Bb Bass Clarinet	2 Snare Drum (and Whirly)
5 Eb Alto Saxophone	2 Medium Tom (and Whirly)
2 Bb Tenor Saxophone	2 Bass Drum (and Whirly)
1 Eb Baritone Saxophone	2 Suspended Cymbal (and Whirly)
8 Bb Trumpet	2 Timpani
3 F Horn	
4 Trombone	
3 Euphonium B.C.	
2 Euphonium T.C.	

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## DEDICATION

For my loving parents. Thank you for believing in me.  
...and to David, for finding out about the competition in the first place.

## PROGRAM NOTES

A number of unusual musical devices are used in *Whirlwind*, which distinguish it from other young band repertoire. The use of soundscape sections at the beginning and end of the piece introduce students to cueing from a conductor, free time, and an increased aural awareness of other players' contributions to the work.

Through its simple structural concepts such as using only four notes and a repeated melody in unison or loosely canonically, the work encourages the young player to focus not on pitch and harmony, but rather, on sound, tone color, form and expression.

The theatrical nature created by the soundscapes and the unusual percussion — handmade waterglass and rattle instruments, whirling tubes — allows each student to listen, watch and contribute in order to understand what's happening. As a result, each student gains a sense of empowerment through belonging; the reason for playing in band.

*Whirlwind* is the First Prize Winner of *The Frank Ticheli Composition Contest* (Category 1 — Beginning Band).

### ABOUT THE SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### **And now, the star of our piece, the whirlies:**

Do you already own a whirly? What is it? It is simply a length of corrugated (ribbed) irrigation hose (if you are offered a choice between the slotted and unslotted variety, you want the unslotted kind). This hose is similar to (but not quite the same as) the hose used in many above-ground swimming pools (the pool kind of hose is often a light blue color in the USA). However, the swimming pool kind of hose is made of a softer sort of plastic, and does not have as good a sound as hose made of a harder plastic. (The harder and better sounding hose is often a darker color, but not necessarily.) So, you are looking for a plastic irrigation hose that is made of a fairly hard plastic. By the way, at a pool supply, the "pressure hose" (also called "return hose") will probably sound better, as it is a stronger plastic. Plumbing supply shops should also carry the right kind of hose. But the diameter is of some importance (see later).

When we say that the hose is corrugated, we mean that it is ribbed around its diameter. You can easily see the ribbing, which looks like a series of adjacent rings around the hose.

How to tell whether the hose will sound good? If you thump the hose with your knuckle, it will resound with a "conk!" sound (at a specific pitch, its fundamental). If (and here, you will need room, both above head and all around you) you spin the hose overhead, it will begin to sing.

Why does it sing? This is a chance for you to integrate science into the music class. The singing (caused, as with all wind instruments, by vibrating air) has to do with the *Bernoulli Principle*. Suffice it to say that when you spin the hose, the end near you moves slowly, the far end moves more quickly, there is a difference in air pressure, and air is pulled through the hose by the difference in air pressure between the ends. (It's the same principle by which lift occurs in airplane wings: faster air vs. slower air.) Air flowing over ribbing equals vibrations, and sound.

The faster you spin the hose, the higher the pitch: you'll probably be able to hear the overtone series ascend as you increase the speed.

The sound is quite unearthly. It's a bit like a bass flute (although it also has vocal quality to it), and four whirlies together might be the sound of a flying saucer (as the pitches interact, the effect is eerie and beautiful).

The best-sounding hose is usually not the 1 1/2 inch variety, but the wider diameter hose (2 inches to 2 1/2 inches in diameter). The wider hose often "speaks" more easily. You should cut the hose into varying lengths (for different fundamental pitches), from about five feet to about seven feet.

We plan to upload a video of the composer playing a whirly on the Manhattan Beach Music website ([www.ManhattanBeachMusic.com](http://www.ManhattanBeachMusic.com)), so you can see and hear for yourself.

#### **The waterglass chimes:**

How to create: Fill various sized glass jars and/or tumblers with water. Create different sounds by varying the amount of water in each glass and size of container. Experiment with different types of glass containers; wine glasses work well, as do glass bowls.

To play: Gently hit glass with a teaspoon, or drop a large, smooth pebble into the water.

## The rattles:

Some ideas:

1. Thread 5 old cassette tapes together with strong string;
2. Try a set of old (or new) keys on a large round key ring;
3. Use aluminum foil trays with a handful of rice or split peas or lentils.

To play: (1) & (2) hold by string/keyring and rattle high above your head; (3) Hold tray by the corner and gently swirl around the rice/split peas/lentils...

That concludes the home-made instruments. We need next to discuss the “drone,” the purpose of which is to provide your young musicians with an anchor point. This will provide each player with the opportunity to listen to the long notes at the end of each phrase of the melody and attempt to match their intonation. The drone part can be played either by an electronic keyboard, bass string instrument with a bow (such as a ‘Cello or Double Bass), or alternatively, you could use a didgeridoo pitched in A.

This drone part will not only provide a strong reinforcement of the tonic, but will surely also add a very interesting color and hence new dimension to your piece. If interested in using a didgeridoo pitched in A, they are available from Alex Murchison in Australia. See his website for purchases and playing tutorials: [www.echotree.com.au](http://www.echotree.com.au); there are also shops in the USA that specialize in unusual instruments and sell didgeridoos, such as Lark in The Morning ([www.larkinthemorning.com](http://www.larkinthemorning.com)).

## TEACHING THE MUSIC

Goal: To encourage all students to listen, not only to themselves, but to each other.

Focus on:

1. 3/4 time signature
2. Free time
3. Interpreting and understanding a conductor’s cue.
4. Tone color: through percussion highlights and home made instruments.
5. Tonal centre: students are to match pitch with tonic drone at end of each phrase.
6. Texture: through round, solos, and soundscapes.
7. Minor key.
8. *mf* and *mp* and inviting students to create a difference between them.

## Sections A, & I: Soundscape (Free time. Play on cue.)

The score represents an idea of how this section may sound. The notation of waterglass chimes and rattles is only meant as a guide. Although each entrance is notated by a single note, a single sound is not necessarily intended. A large section (e.g., clarinets) may have many players, each with a waterglass. The conductor should cue each section, and the players should stagger their entrances to produce the most interesting soundscape. This holds true equally for the rattles.

It is best if every band member has a home-made instrument (see discussion on prior page) and that each individual is cued to play at the conductor’s discretion.

## Section B: Solo with whirlies

Every instrument has the solo written in their part. (On the score, cue size notation is used in all parts.) This gives you the flexibility to select your own soloist, and if you prefer, you may choose more than one for different occasions. Here’s how to go about it:

1. The conductor announces that students can try out for the solo.
2. Those keen to try out perform the melody for their peers in rehearsal. Not only is this a chance for the conductor to hear various players on their own, it is also an excellent performance opportunity for students in a relaxed, supportive environment. The students in the band hear the soloists and are welcome to become involved in the selection process (if the conductor wishes).
3. The conductor makes the final decision and chooses up to three soloists for the part and alternates between them for various performances. Not only will this change the color of Section B, it also provides a back-up if your all too important soloist is sick on the day of an important performance.

## Section C: Soundscape

Once again the score is only meant as a guide. To achieve what is printed with ease simply:

1. encourage all students to learn the last phrase of the melody off by heart;
2. as with the home-made instruments, cue each individual to play the last phrase only;
3. each will hold the last note (breathing as they need to) until everyone has played; and

4. the conductor directs the ensemble to decresendo and to cease playing by measure 6.

Some questions you may have:

*"I have a band of 75 members, if everyone plays the last phrase on their own it will go too long!"*

You may follow these guides for different sized ensembles:

A group of 25 students or less - everyone plays the last phrase on their own;

A group of 26-50 students—pair off the students to play together on cue;

A group of 51+ students—create teams of 3-5 students and elect a leader of each team. All leaders are standing up from the beginning. The conductor cues them to sit and then counts in the team they are the leader of, they play the last phrase together;

A group of 100+ students—you must be kidding, please get a life!

#### Why Concert A minor?

Many beginning band pieces are in common time and are based on Concert B flat, Concert E flat or Concert F major.

*Whirlwind* not only introduces 'new' ears to the haunting sounds of a minor key, it also introduces flautists and oboists to E natural! Experience has shown that many students on these instruments think that the 'B' and 'E' they play are the 'natural' ones (simply because flat keys dominate virtually all beginner band methods and charts). It can be very confusing for these players in their second or even third year of playing when they are finally introduced the real 'B natural' or 'E natural' (and quite a surprise to the Director!).

Whether we like to admit it or not, many percussionists can go through their entire band life without ever learning to read pitch. *Whirlwind* allows all of your percussionists to learn

the melody on melodic instruments with the rest of the band without the need for confusing sharps and flats (the 'black' keys).

A minor also allows any string players that you have at your school to get involved!

"I don't have the time to teach my band all of these new notes!"

You won't have to! It's all been done for you. On the Manhattan Beach Music website you will find the score and parts to 'Know your stuff' and best of all, it's a free download! The exercises have been composed carefully to introduce all students to the different rhythmic patterns and note combinations used in the *Whirlwind* melodic line. Once they can play all of the exercises in 'Know you Stuff' they will have no trouble playing all of *Whirlwind*.

You can be assured that EVERY student in your band will be able to:

play ALL of the notes in the melody;

play them in different combinations;

UNDERSTAND the different rhythmic patterns used; feel comfortable with triple meter.

When students think a piece is easy, they love it! It boosts their self esteem and they are prepared for new challenges.

Hence....

Confident & happy students = a confident & happy band = a confident & happy Band Director!

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**A** **Soundscape**  
Free time. Play on cue.

# WHIRLWIND

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no more than 40" ↓

Waterglass chime  
let ring

Home-made rattle

Waterglass chime  
let ring

Waterglass chime  
let ring

Home-made rattle

NOTE: Rattles and waterglass chimes should blend and not compete with the sound of the whirlies. See preface of score for construction tips and performance technique. Although each entrance is notated by a single note, a single sound is not necessarily intended. A large section (e.g., clarinets) may have many players, each with a waterglass. The conductor should cue each section, and the players should stagger their entrances to produce the most interesting soundscape. This holds true equally for the rattles. Therefore, this page is not to be interpreted literally, but should be seen as a graphic representation of a sparse soundscape created at your discretion.

Waterglass chime  
let ring

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Waterglass chime  
let ring

Home-made rattle

DRONE: The drone part (always playing concert A) may be played by an electronic keyboard, bass stringed instrument, brass bass instruments, or (for an indigenous Australian sound) a didgeridoo in A.

Glockenspiel

PERFORMANCE NOTE TO CONDUCTOR AND PERFORMER: Make sure you allocate sufficient space between each Whirly player and the rest of the band so that Whirlies can be spun without contacting objects or persons. Spin Whirly vertically, beside you, (like a lasso) or horizontally above you (like a helicopter roter). Band members construct their Whirlies from 2-inch to 2½-inch diameter plastic corrugated hose (see preface).

Whirly

Whirly *mp*

Whirly *mf*

Whirly *mf*

Whirly *f*

# B Solo with whirlies

NOTE TO CONDUCTOR: The melody appearing at rehearsal letter B is played by a single person. You, the conductor, should decide who is best suited to play this solo melody (it appears in all the parts). If there is more than one player in your band who deserves this honor, you can pick a different soloist for each performance.

Like a whirlwind: slowly — getting faster — then slowly again

The musical score is arranged in a grand staff format with 21 staves. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Fl.** (Flute): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Ob.** (Oboe): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Bsn.** (Bassoon): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Bb Cl.** (B-flat Clarinet): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Bb Bass Cl.** (B-flat Bass Clarinet): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Eb Alto Sax.** (E-flat Alto Saxophone): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Bb Ten. Sax.** (B-flat Tenor Saxophone): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Eb Bar. Sax.** (E-flat Baritone Saxophone): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Bb Tpt.** (B-flat Trumpet): *mp* smooth and gentle
- F Hn.** (French Horn): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Tbn.** (Trombone): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Euph.** (Euphonium): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Tuba**: *mp* smooth and gentle
- D.B.** (Double Bass): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Kbrd.** (Keyboard): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Drum**: (Drum set) indicated by a small square on the staff.
- Glock.** (Glockenspiel): *mp* smooth and gentle
- Sn. Dr.** (Snare Drum): Wavy line indicating a steady rhythm.
- Med. Tom** (Medium Tom): Wavy line indicating a steady rhythm.
- Bass Dr.** (Bass Drum): Wavy line indicating a steady rhythm.
- Sus. Cym.** (Suspended Cymbal): Wavy line indicating a steady rhythm.
- Timp.** (Timpani): Wavy line indicating a steady rhythm.

**C** **Soundscape** NOTE TO CONDUCTOR: Cue players approximately as shown (see preface).

Play melody on cue and hold last note

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format with 20 staves. The woodwind and brass sections (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets, Saxophones, Trumpets, Horns, Trombones, Euphonium, Tuba, and Double Bass) all play a melodic line starting on a cue, marked with a fermata and the instruction *mf* clingingly. The Drone part is a low-frequency sustained note, marked *mp* and with the instruction "on cue". The percussion section (Glockenspiel, Snare Drum, Medium Tom, Bass Drum, Suspended Cymbal, and Timpani) provides a rhythmic accompaniment, with the Snare Drum, Medium Tom, Bass Drum, and Suspended Cymbal parts marked with a fermata and the instruction "let ring".

Drone should be played by more than one player. If using brass bass instruments, always use at least two to maintain the drone as a continuous sound. The drone will provide the band with a stable pitch for intonation. (Electronic keyboard, bass stringed instrument, or didgeridoo in A may be used if available.)

**D** Andante con moto (♩ = 96)

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

B♭ Bass Cl.

E♭ Alto Sax.

B♭ Ten. Sax.

E♭ Bar. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Kbrd.

Drone

brass or hard plastic mallets  
let ring

*f*

let ring

always let ring

Sn. Dr.

Med. Tom

Bass Dr.

soft mallets  
*mp* gently rumble

Sus. Cym.

Scrape a coin from crown to edge of cymbal in one motion  
always let ring  
*mf*

Timp.

L R L R R L R

*mf*

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

B♭ Bass Cl.

E♭ Alto Sax.

B♭ Ten. Sax.

E♭ Bar. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Kbrd.

Drone

Glock.

Snares off  
med. hard yarn mallets L R L R L R L R L L R L R L R L R L R (continue sticking pattern)

Sn. Dr. *mf*

Med. Tom

Bass Dr. *mp* *mf*

Sus. Cym.

Timp. L R R (continue sticking pattern)

# E Two-part round

Musical score for "Two-part round" (Section E). The score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout with multiple staves for woodwinds, brass, and percussion. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into measures 23 through 29. The woodwind section includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), B♭ Clarinet (B♭ Cl.), B♭ Bass Clarinet (B♭ Bass Cl.), E♭ Alto Saxophone (E♭ Alto Sax.), B♭ Tenor Saxophone (B♭ Ten. Sax.), and E♭ Baritone Saxophone (E♭ Bar. Sax.). The brass section includes B♭ Trumpet (B♭ Tpt.), F Horn (F Hn.), Trombone (Tbn.), Euphonium (Euph.), and Tuba. The percussion section includes Drum Bass (D.B.), Keyboard (Kbrd.), Drone, Glockenspiel (Glock.), Snare Drum (Sn. Dr.), Medium Tom (Med. Tom), Bass Drum (Bass Dr.), Suspended Cymbal (Sus. Cym.), and Timpani (Timp.). The score features two main melodic groups: "Group 1" and "Group 3". "Group 1" is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and is played by the Flute, Oboe, and B♭ Trumpet. "Group 3" is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and is played by the E♭ Alto Saxophone, B♭ Tenor Saxophone, E♭ Baritone Saxophone, F Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, and Tuba. The Snare Drum and Bass Drum parts are marked with *mp* and *mf* dynamics respectively. The Glockenspiel part consists of chords. The Drum Bass part is marked with *mp*. The Suspended Cymbal part is marked with *mp*. The Timpani part is marked with *mp*. The score is numbered 6 at the bottom.

30 31 32 33 34 35 36

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

B♭ Bass Cl.

E♭ Alto Sax.

B♭ Ten. Sax.

E♭ Bar. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Kbrd.

Drone

Glock.

Sn. Dr.

Med. Tom

Bass Dr. *mp* *mf*

Sus. Cym.

Timp.

37 38 39 40 41 42 43

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

B♭ Bass Cl.

E♭ Alto Sax.

B♭ Ten. Sax.

E♭ Bar. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Kbrd.

Drone

Glock.

Sa. Dr.

Med. Tom

Bass Dr.

Sus. Cym.

Timp.

*mf*

*mp*

*mf*

med. hard mallets

*mf*

**F Percussion solo**

44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

B♭ Bass Cl.

E♭ Alto Sax.

B♭ Ten. Sax.

E♭ Bar. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Kbrd.

Drone

Glock. *let ring* *always let ring*

Sn. Dr. *f*

Med. Tom *f* LRLRL L R

Bass Dr. *f*

Sus. Cym. Hit crown with butt end of sticks LRLRL L R *f* LRLRL L R

Timp. L R L R L R L R

*mp*



59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

B♭ Bass Cl. Group 4 *f*

E♭ Alto Sax.

B♭ Ten. Sax.

E♭ Bar. Sax. Group 4

B♭ Tpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba Group 4 *f*

D.B. Group 4 *f*

Kbrd. Group 4 *f* Play 2 octaves lower than written

Drone Group 4 *f* Play melody if pitches are available

Glock.

Sn. Dr.

Med. Tom

Bass Dr.

Sus. Cym.

Timp. L R R (continue sticking pattern)

This page of a musical score, numbered 67 to 74, features a variety of instruments. The woodwind section includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), B♭ Clarinet (B♭ Cl.), B♭ Bass Clarinet (B♭ Bass Cl.), E♭ Alto Saxophone (E♭ Alto Sax.), B♭ Tenor Saxophone (B♭ Ten. Sax.), and E♭ Baritone Saxophone (E♭ Bar. Sax.). The brass section consists of B♭ Trumpet (B♭ Tpt.), F Horn (F Hn.), Trombone (Tbn.), Euphonium (Euph.), and Tuba. The keyboard section includes Double Bass (D.B.), Keyboard (Kbrd.), and Drone. The percussion section includes Glockenspiel (Glock.), Snare Drum (Sn. Dr.), Medium Tom (Med. Tom), Bass Drum (Bass Dr.), Suspended Cymbal (Sus. Cym.), and Timpani (Timp.). The score is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The woodwinds and brass parts feature melodic lines with slurs and dynamic markings, including a forte (*f*) marking in measures 72-74. The percussion parts are mostly rests, with the timpani playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82

Fl. *mf* *mp*

Ob. *mf* *mp*

Bsn. *mf* *mp*

B♭ Cl. *mf* *mp*

B♭ Bass Cl. *f* *mf*

E♭ Alto Sax. *mf* *mp*

B♭ Ten. Sax. *mf* *mp*

E♭ Bar. Sax. *f* *mf*

B♭ Tpt. *mf* *mp*

F Hn. *mf* *mp*

Tbn. *mf* *mp*

Euph. *mf* *mp*

Tuba *f* *mf*

D.B. *f* *mf*

Kbrd. *f* *mf*

Drone *f* *mf*

Glock. *mf*

Sn. Dr. *n* *mp* creep in

Med. Tom *n* *mp* creep in

Bass Dr.

Sus. Cym.

Timp. *mf*



# H Solo with echo

Like a whirlwind: slowly — getting faster — then slowly again

91 92 93

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. *Solo*  
*mf*

B♭ Bass Cl.

E♭ Alto Sax.

B♭ Ten. Sax.

E♭ Bar. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. *Solo*  
*straight mute*  
*mp* echo Solo Clar. and match its Tempo changes

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Kbrd.

Drone

Glock.

Sn. Dr.

Med. Tom

Bass Dr.

Sus. Cym. (dim. when Tpt. enters) let ring to Whirly

Timp. *mp*

Place suspended or ride cymbal upside down in centre of largest timpani  
Place mallets either side of cymbal and roll on cymbal. Whilst doing so, move Timp. pedal up and down as notated.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

B♭ Bass Cl.

E♭ Alto Sax.

B♭ Ten. Sax.

E♭ Bar. Sax.

B♭ Tpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Kbrd.

Drone

Glock.

Sn. Dr.

Med. Tom

Bass Dr.

Sus. Cym.

Timp.

creep in

*mp*

*n* *mp*

# I Soundscape

Free time. Play on cue.

94

Fl. Waterglass chime let ring

Ob. Home-made rattle

Bsn. Waterglass chime let ring

B♭ Cl. Waterglass chime let ring

B♭ Bass Cl. Home-made rattle

E♭ Alto Sax. Waterglass chime let ring

B♭ Ten. Sax. Waterglass chime let ring

E♭ Bar. Sax. Home-made rattle

B♭ Tpt. Waterglass chime let ring

F Hn. Waterglass chime let ring

Tbn. Home-made rattle

Euph. Home-made rattle

Tuba Home-made rattle

D.B. Waterglass chime let ring

Kbrd. Waterglass chime let ring

Drone Home-made rattle

Glock.

Sn. Dr. *n*

Med. Tom *n*

Bass Dr. let ring

Sus. Cym. *n*

Timp. End roll. Let ring.

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