

O'ER THE HILLS

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The Declaration of Independence

For small orchestra with optional vocal part

(2 flutes, oboe, 2 violins, viola, cello, double bass, continuo)

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IS IT UPON THESE PRINCIPLES THAT THE PEOPLE
OF AMERICA ARE RESISTING THE ARMS OF
GREAT BRITAIN, AND OPPOSING FORCE WITH
FORCE? STRICTLY SO. ... AND MAY HEAVEN
PROSPER THEIR VIRTUOUS UNDERTAKING!"

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Francis Hopkinson, 1737-1791

arr. H. S. Gardner

Andante $\text{♩} = 100$

Flute 1 *f* *p*

Flute 2 *f* *p*

Oboe *f* *p*

Tenor voice (optional)

Harpichord *f*

Violin I *f* *p*

Violin II *f* *p*

Viola *f* *p*

Cello *f*

Contrabass *f*

9

The musical score is arranged in systems. The first system includes Fl. 1, Fl. 2, Ob., T. voice, Hpschd., Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. The second system continues with the same instruments. The third system adds a box labeled "9".

Fl. 1: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a sixteenth-note scale-like passage, followed by a series of eighth notes and a trill.

Fl. 2: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps. It plays a simple harmonic accompaniment of quarter and half notes.

Ob.: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps. It plays a melodic line with some grace notes and dynamic markings like *f* and *mf*.

T. voice: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps. The vocal line enters in the third measure with the lyrics: "O'er the hills far a-way at the birth of the morn I hear the full-tone, I".

Hpschd.: Grand staff (treble and bass clefs), key signature of two sharps. It provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *p* and *f*.

Vln. I & II: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps. Violin I has more complex passages with trills and dynamics like *f* and *mf*. Violin II plays a supporting role with dynamics like *f* and *mf*. Both have markings for *pizz.* (pizzicato) and *arco* (arco).

Vla.: Alto clef, key signature of two sharps. It plays a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

Vc. & Cb.: Bass clef, key signature of two sharps. Viola and Cello play similar accompanimental parts. Dynamics include *f* and *mf*.

12 15

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

T. voice

8 hear the full tone of the sweetsounding horn, of the sweet-sound-ing horn. I hear the full sound of the

Hpschd.

12 15

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

This musical score page for 'O'er the Hills' features a variety of instruments and a vocal soloist. The woodwind section includes Flute 1, Flute 2, and Oboe, all in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The vocal part is for a Tenor, with lyrics in English. The harpsichord part is written for both right and left hands in treble and bass clefs. The string section consists of Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass, all in their respective clefs and the two-sharp key signature. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 12 and 15 indicated. A dynamic marking of *p* (piano) is present in the Violoncello part.

18

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

T. voice

8

sweetsounding horn. The sportsmenwithshouting All hail the new day. The sportsmenwithshouting All hail the new dayAnd

18

Hpschd.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

5

[illegible]

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

T. voice

Hpschd.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

30

32

35

swift run the hounds'er the hills far a-way!

A -

p

p

p

p

One solo

36

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

T. voice

8

cross the deep valley their course they pursue And rush thro' the thickets yet silver'd with dew And rush thro' the thickets yet silver'd with dew Not

Hpschd.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

F1. 1

F1. 2

Ob.

T. voice

Hpschd.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

 V_c

Cb.

48 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Fl. 1 *f* *p* *mf*

Fl. 2 *f* *p* *mf*

Ob. *f* *p*

T. voice
8 sounds the sweet horn o'er the hills far a - way The hills far a-way, far a - way far a - way 8^{va}

Hpschd. *f* *pp* *mf* 8^{va}

poco rit. *a tempo*

Vln. I *f* *p* *mf*

Vln. II *f* *p* *mf*

Vla. *f* *p*

Vc. *f* *p*

Cb. *f* *p*

54 *rit.* 58

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

T. voice

54 8 The hills far a - way *f* Nor fen-ces nor ditch-es their speed can de-lay, Still

Hpschd.

54 *p* *mf*

54 *rit.* 58

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

60 *poco allargando*

Fl. 1 *cresc.* *ff* *poco allargando* *tr*

Fl. 2 *cresc.* *ff* *poco allargando*

Ob. *cresc.* *ff*

T. voice 60
8 sound the sweet horn o'er the hills far a-way.

Hpschd. 60 *cresc.* *ff* *poco allargando* *tr*

Vln. I 60 *cresc.* *ff* *poco allargando* *tr*

Vln. II *cresc.* *ff*

Vla. *cresc.* *ff*

Vc. *cresc.* *ff*

Cb. *cresc.* *ff*