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Meeting of the Waters

Wind Band (grade 3)

By
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Winds:

1 Piccolo	2 Alto Saxophone 1&2 Eb	1 Trombone 1
1 Flute	1 Tenor Saxophone Bb	1 Trombone 2
1 Oboe	1 Baritone Saxophone Eb	1 Trombone 3 (bass trom)
1 Bassoon	2 Trumpet 1&2 Bb	2 Euphonium
1 Clarinet 1Bb	1 Trumpet 3 Bb	2 Tuba
2 Clarinet 2&3 Bb	2 Horn 1&2 F	
1 Bass Clarinet Bb	2 Horn 3&4 F	

Percussion (3 players):

Timpani (Suspended cymbal)
Mallets 1 (Glockenspiel, Suspended cymbal)
Mallets 2 (Vibraphone or Marimba, both if extra player)

Composer's Note

Inspired by the Vale of Avoca, Thomas Moore wrote the song *The Meeting of the Waters* to an old Irish air, *The Old Head of Dennis*.

The Meeting of the Waters is where the *Avonmore* and *Avonbeg* rivers come together to form the river Avoca where the dark wooded river valley of the Vale of Avoca begins.

Meeting of the Waters – Thomas Moore

There is not in this wide world a valley so sweet
As that vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet,
Oh! the last rays of feeling and life must depart
Ere the bloom of that valley shall fade from my heart.

Yet it was not that Nature had shed o'er the scene
Her purest of crystal and brightest of green
'Twas not her soft magic of streamlet or hill
Oh! no, it was something more exquisite still.

'Twas that friends, the beloved of my bosom were near
Who made every dear scene of enchantment more dear
And who felt that the best charms of nature improve
When we see them reflected from looks that we love.

Sweet Vale of Avoca! how calm could I rest,
In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love best
Where the storms that we feel in this cold world should cease
And our hearts, like thy waters, be mingled in peace.



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Trad. RICHARD ROCK

Legato ♩ = 96

Piccolo

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

Clarinet in B♭ 1

Clarinet in B♭ 2 + 3

Bass Clarinet

Alto Saxophone 1 + 2

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet in B♭ 1 + 2

Trumpet in B♭ 3

Horn in F 1 + 2

Horn in F 3 + 4

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Euphonium (Lower part optional)

Tuba

Timpani

Mallets 1

Mallets 2

Glock

Vibes (with pedal) or Marimba

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