

A Foggy Day (in London Town)

*Music and Lyrics by GEORGE GERSHWIN and IRA GERSHWIN
Arranged by SCOTT RAGSDALE*

INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor	4th B♭ Trumpet
Vocal Solo	1st Trombone
Solo B♭ Part (Substitute for Vocal)	2nd Trombone
Solo E♭ Part (Substitute for Vocal)	3rd Trombone
Solo Bass Clef Part (Substitute for Vocal)	Bass Trombone
C Flute (Optional)	Guitar Chords
1st E♭ Alto Saxophone	Guitar
2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone	Piano
1st B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Bass
2nd B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Drums
E♭ Baritone Saxophone	
1st B♭ Trumpet	
2nd B♭ Trumpet	
3rd B♭ Trumpet	

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NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

A Foggy Day captures the flavor of an arrangement performed by Michael Bublé and will provide the band plenty of opportunity to swing. At the indicated medium-swing tempo, $mm=148$, the whole band should focus on maintaining a steady tempo. This sounds obvious, but it is easy let the tempo slow down or even speed up—individuals, especially the rhythm section, should practice with a metronome! Be aware of the change from the 2-beat feel to 4-beat and back again, maintaining the same tempo.

Dynamics! After the big, full intro, come down to mf for the vocal. Backgrounds parts should always be subordinate to the vocal. At measure 42, where the chart goes into a 4-beat, bring it down dynamically to mf and begin a *cresc. poco a poco* building to a ff peak at 48. The band remains full behind the vocalist's second verse and all the way out as the vocal ascends into a higher register, but be careful not to overpower the voice.

THE RHYTHM SECTION

Guitar: The "Freddie Green" style of comping is very important to the groove. The guitarist should study this well-known comping style by listening to recordings of the Count Basie Orchestra to develop the ability to voice three-note chords in the lower register. To achieve a bright, acoustic quality sound, ask the guitarist to use a medium-thick pick and hold it loosely between the thumb and index finger. Strum straight quarter notes, muting the sound of the chord right after striking the strings. The guitarist's quarter-note rhythm should perfectly mesh with the bass into one big sound. When the guitarist's comping locks in time with the bass and drums, a powerful drive is created that will help the whole band swing.

Piano: The written-out piano part is a good example of how big band piano can play in the "holes" and sprinkle color over the band's sound. The pianist should feel free to experiment, embellish the chords, and come up with his or her own voicings. At the tutti ensemble section in measure 65, the piano part should be played as written. Check out the 2-bar solo at the end—it's played with straight eighth notes—no swing.

Drums: The drummer should lock in with the time of the bass and guitar. He or she should take care to switch from the hi-hat pattern to the ride cymbal where indicated, always concentrating on maintaining good time. Direct the drummer to set up the full ensemble figures throughout. An example of full ensemble is in the first measure and through the recurring figures of the introduction; also measures 48, 65, 83, and so on. Also, a big drum setup is needed for the ensemble in the last measure.

THE HORNS:

Always strive for good intonation, especially during unison passages, as with the saxes at measures 5, 24, 66, 72, and 81. The same goes for the brass at measure 50, and trumpets at the intro and 72. Regarding articulation, capped notes or rooftop accents (A) are interpreted as fat, accented, and detached, but not played too short—think "daht." Create a nice long fall on last note of measure 48, and then be ready for the key change at 49. A word about playing in cup mutes: brass players should blow a little louder than the written dynamic to get the desired amount of sound. If it's marked mf , blow as if it's marked f . But be careful of the intonation with a mute.

THE VOCAL SOLOIST

The vocal range is from F below middle C to third space C with some optional lower note choices at the end. A good habit is to study the song and practice with the piano player first to become comfortable with the melody. I took some arranging liberties with the melody in the second verse to add musical interest. Pay careful attention to the melodic intervals and strive for good intonation. Listen closely to find the new key center at measure 49 where the chart modulates to the new key.

Enjoy!

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SWING $\text{♩} = 148$

VOCAL SOLO

1ST E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

2ND E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE

1ST B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

2ND B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE

1ST B♭ TRUMPET

2ND B♭ TRUMPET

3RD B♭ TRUMPET

4TH B♭ TRUMPET

1ST TROMBONE

2ND TROMBONE

3RD TROMBONE

BASS TROMBONE

GUITAR

PIANO

BASS

DRUMS

SOLO Toms

FILL

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DECRESC.

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A FOGGY DAY (IN LONDON TOWN)

Handwritten musical score for a conductor, featuring various instruments and vocal parts. The score is written on a system of staves, with measures numbered 9 through 16. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo is marked "mod." (moderato). The time signature is 4/4.

Voc. (Vocalist): The vocal line begins with the lyrics "A FOG - GY DAY IN LON - DON TOWN, HAD ME LON, HAD ME DOWN." The melody is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, D7, Cm7, F7, Bb, G7(b9), C7, and F9.

ALTO 1, ALTO 2, TENOR 1, TENOR 2, BARI. (Alto, Tenor, and Baritone): These parts are written in treble clefs with a key signature of two flats. They contain rests for the duration of the piece.

TP. 1, TP. 2, TP. 3, TP. 4 (Trumpets): These parts are written in treble clefs with a key signature of two flats. They contain rests for the duration of the piece.

TBN. 1, TBN. 2, TBN. 3 (Tenor Horns): These parts are written in treble clefs with a key signature of two flats. They contain rests for the duration of the piece.

BASS TON. (Bass Trombone): This part is written in a bass clef with a key signature of two flats. It contains rests for the duration of the piece.

GTR. (Guitar): The guitar part is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats. It includes a "C-BEAT" (C-Bass) section and a "GTR." section. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, D7, Cm7, F7, Bb, G7(b9), C7, and F9.

PNO. (Piano): The piano part is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of two flats. It includes a "C-BEAT" section and a "PNO." section. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, D7, Cm7, F7, Bb, G7(b9), C7, and F9.

BASS (Bass): The bass part is written in a bass clef with a key signature of two flats. It includes a "C-BEAT" section and a "BASS" section. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, D7, Cm7, F7, Bb, G7(b9), C7, and F9.

DRUMS: The drum part is written in a single staff with a key signature of two flats. It includes a "H.H." (Hi-Hat) section and a "DRUMS" section. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, D7, Cm7, F7, Bb, G7(b9), C7, and F9.

Measures 9 through 16 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

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A FOGGY DAY (IN LONDON TOWN)

17 DIM7 FM7 B7 Ebm7 Ab7 - 3 - Bbm7 G9 G7(b9) C9 FH F7(b9)

Voc. 1 VIEWED THE MOON - ING WITH SUCH A - LARM. THE BRIT - ISH MU - SE - UM HAD LOST ITS CHARM.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TP. 1

TP. 2

TP. 3

TP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR. DIM7 FM7 B7 Ebm7 Ab7 Bbm7 G9 G7(b9) C9 FH F7(b9)

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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Handwritten initials: *mp*

Chord symbols: $\text{Bbm}7$, Bb6 , $\text{Db}7$, $\text{Cm}7$, $\text{F}7$, Bb6 , $\text{G}7(\text{b}9)$, $\text{C}7$, $\text{F}7$, $\text{Cm}7$, $\text{F}7$

Voc. *Hoo LONG, I WON - OREO, COULD THIS THING LAST? BUT THE AGE OF ME - A - CLES HAD - NY PAST.*

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

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(25) F#m7 Ebm7 A7 - 5 - Bb/F F# Bb/F F# G#m7 Cm7 F# F7

A FOGGY DAY (IN LONDON TOWN)

Voc. For GUD - DEN - LY. I SAW YOU THREE. AND THROUGH FOR - EV LON - DON TOWN THE SUN WAS SHIN - ING EV - EV - WHERE.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR. F#m7 Bb7(b9) Ebm7 A7 Bb/F F# Bb/F F# G#m7 Cm7 F# F7

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

mp

D

B

41

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A FOGGY DAY (IN LONDON TOWN)

49 C#m7 Eb Dm7 G7 C#b A7(b9) D9 G7

Voc. A Fog - gy Day in Lon - don Town. Had me Lon, Had me down.

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1 UNIS. me

TPR. 2 UNIS. me

TPR. 3 UNIS. me

TPR. 4

TBN. 1 UNIS. me

TBN. 2 UNIS. me

TBN. 3 UNIS. me

BASS TBN.

GTR. (C#m7) Eb Dm7 G7 C#b A7(b9) D9 G7

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS PLAY SWING TIME FULL

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

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A FOGGY DAY (IN LONDON TOWN)

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

CHORDS: Cmaj7, Gmaj7, C7(b9), Fmaj7, F6, Gb9, Cmaj7, Eb9, A7(b9), D9, G7(b9)

Voc. I VIEWED THE MOON - ING WITH SUCH A - LIGH THE OLD BEY - WH MU - SE - UM HAD LOST ITS CHARM HOW

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TP. 1

TP. 2

TP. 3

TP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

FILL

CONDUCTOR

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A FOGGY DAY (IN LONDON TOWN)

65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

Voc. LONG. I WON - DERED... COULD THIS THING LAST? BUT THE ARE OF WIE - A - CLES... HAD - N'T PASSED... FOR...

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TRP. 1

TRP. 2

TRP. 3

TRP. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR.

PNO.

BASS

DRUMS

Chords: C#m, Bm, C#m, Eb7, Dm7, C#m7, Dm7, G13, C#m, Bm, C#m, A7(b9), D9, C#m, D9, G13

73 74 75 76 77 78

Voc. *C7(F#)* *F13* *Gb9* *Cmaj7* *Bbm7*
GOD - DEN - LY I SAW YOU THERE, AND IN A FOG BY LON - DON

ALTO 1
ALTO 2
TENOR 1
TENOR 2
BARI.
TRP. 1
TRP. 2
TRP. 3
TRP. 4
TBN. 1
TBN. 2
TBN. 3
BASS TBN.
GTR. *C7(F#)* *F13* *Gb9* *Cmaj7* *Bbm7*
PNO.
BASS
DRUMS *BACKBEAT*

A musical score for a jazz ensemble and vocalists. The score is written for 12 measures, numbered 73 to 78. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts (Voc., Alto 1, Alto 2, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Baritone) have lyrics: "GOD - DEN - LY I SAW YOU THERE, AND IN A FOG BY LON - DON". The instrumental parts include Trumpets 1-4, Trombones 1-3, Bass Trombone, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Drums. The Drums part is marked "BACKBEAT". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The guitar, piano, and bass parts have chord symbols: C7(F#), F13, Gb9, Cmaj7, and Bbm7. The piano part also includes a "BACKBEAT" marking.

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VOC. Am7 Abm7 Gm7 Fm7 Eb7 Dm7 G#
 TOWN THE SUN WAS SHIN - ING E - EV - 'Y

ALTO 1
 ALTO 2
 TENOR 1
 TENOR 2
 BARI.
 TPT. 1
 TPT. 2
 TPT. 3
 TPT. 4
 TBN. 1
 TBN. 2
 TBN. 3
 BASS TBN.
 GTR. Am7 Abm7 Gm7 Fm7 Eb7 Dm7 G#
 PNO.
 BASS
 DRUMS FILL

79 80 81 82 83 84 85

85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92

Chorus 7 F#m/C G#

Voc. WHEEE!

ALTO 1

ALTO 2

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BARI.

TPR. 1

TPR. 2

TPR. 3

TPR. 4

TBN. 1

TBN. 2

TBN. 3

BASS TBN.

GTR. Chorus 7 F#m/C G#

PNO. Solo - Straight 8ths

BASS

DRUMS Solo FILL