

I - 1/4

KANSAS CITY YOUTH SYMPHONY

Cello

GOD BLESS AMERICA FESTIVAL EDITION

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Moderate; with bright, fervent spirit (*poco maestoso*)

The musical score consists of 11 measures, each with a circled letter label (A through K) and specific performance instructions:

- Measure A:** Starts with a double bar line and a 2-measure rest, followed by a 4-measure rest, then a 2-measure rest, and finally a 4-measure phrase starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic.
- Measure B:** Features a 2-measure rest, a 4-measure phrase with *f* dynamics, a 4-measure phrase with *mf* dynamics, and a 4-measure phrase with *f* dynamics.
- Measure C:** Begins with a 3-measure phrase at *mf*, followed by a 4-measure phrase with *ten.* (tension) marking and *f* dynamics.
- Measure D:** A 4-measure phrase with *f* dynamics.
- Measure E:** A 4-measure phrase with dynamics *f*, *mf*, and *mp*, followed by a 4-measure phrase with *p* dynamics. Instruction: (continue tempo without rit.)
- Measure F:** A 4-measure phrase with *p* dynamics. Instruction: Ad libitum (but not far from tempo I)
- Measure G:** A 4-measure phrase with dynamics *mp*, *pp*, and *p*, followed by a 4-measure phrase with *mp* and *f* dynamics.
- Measure H:** A 4-measure phrase with *f* dynamics, followed by a 4-measure phrase with *ff* dynamics and *ten.* marking.
- Measure I:** A 4-measure phrase with *ff* dynamics.
- Measure J:** A 4-measure phrase with *f* dynamics, *poco rit.* marking, and *ff* dynamics. Instruction: Maestoso (slightly)
- Measure K:** A 4-measure phrase with *ff* dynamics, *poco rit.* marking, and *a tempo* marking. Instruction: broader than before

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