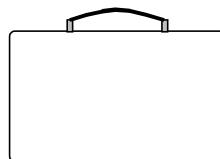


# MY BRIEFCASE

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Mixed Choir and Wind Quintet  
(SATB div, flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, bassoon)

FULL SCORE  
(concert pitch)



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# My Briefcase

A true story

*arranged for SATB and wind quintet*  
*(flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, basson)*

## 1. Opening

Words & Music by John Kilpatrick

Moderato

Flute  
Oboe  
Clarinet in Bb  
Horn in F  
Bassoon

9

Fl.  
Ob.  
Cl.  
Hn.  
Bsn.

17

Fl.  
Ob.  
Cl.  
Hn.  
Bsn.

26

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. *p*

Hn. *mp*

Bsn. *p* *mp* *p*

S. *mf* solo si ap - re so - lo, *tutti*  
Si ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo, si ap -

A. *mf*  
Si ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo, si ap -

T. *mf*  
Si ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo, si ap -

B. *mf*  
Si ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo, si

34

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn. *mp* *p*

Bsn. *mp* *p*

S. *mf* solo si ap - re so - lo, *mp* *tutti*  
re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo in que - sto,

A. *mf* *mp*  
re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo in que - sto,

T. *mf* *mp*  
re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo in que -

B. *mf* *mp*  
ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo in que -

42

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.     

div. in que - sto, in que - sto sen - so

  
                *cresc.*

A.     

in que - sto sen - so,     *tutti*

  
                *cresc.*

T.     

sto in que - sto sen - so,     *cresc.*

  
                *f* que - sto sen - so.

B.     

sto,     in que - sto sen - so,     *cresc.*

  
                *f* que - sto sen - so.

## 2. Recit.

50 In free time

Fl.

Ob.     

*p*

Cl.     

*p*

Hn.     

*p*

Bsn.     

*p*

Tenor Solo *mf*

I had a brief - case, a fa - vou - rite brief - case. It was a pre - sent from my wife. It was

S.A.

T.B.     

*mp* It was  
(his first wife)

56

Fl. *fp* *fp* *mf* *f*

Ob. *fp* *fp* *mf* *f* *p*

Cl. *fp* *fp* *mf* *f* *p*

Hn. *fp* *fp* *mf* *f* *p*

Bsn. *fp* *fp* *mf* *f* *p*

S.A. Brown. It was Strong. Its make was Sam - son-ite. Its sur - face -

T.B. Brown. It was Strong. *ff* Its make was Sam - son-ite.

64

Fl. *p*

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn. *p*

*3* — was sort of like sim - ul - at - ed leath - er, *3* but not like an - y real an - im - al or din - o - saur; *3* more like the floor of a

70

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

dried up re - ser - voir, or cra - zy pav - ing where the chil - dren play games in the cracks.

### 3. Fugue

75

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

mf

mp

78

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

mf

mp

mf

mp

[82]

Fl. *p*

Ob. *p*

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn. *p*

S.

A. *mf*  
Where the bears and cro-co-diles lurk in the cracks wai - ting for chil - dren, to eat them up.

T. *mf*  
Where the

B.

[87]

Fl.

Ob. *p*

Cl. *p*

Hn. *p*

Bsn.

S. *p*  
Be care - ful, don't get caught, mind where your feet go. Where the bears and cro-co-diles

A. *p*  
Be care - ful, don't get caught, mind where your feet go.

T. *p*  
bears and cro-co-diles lurk in the cracks wait - ing for chil - dren, to eat them up. Be care - ful,

B. *p*  
Be care - ful,

92

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S. lurk in the cracks wai - ting for chil - dren, to eat them up. Be care - ful, don't get caught,

A. Be care - ful, don't get caught,

T. don't get caught, mind where your feet go.

B. don't get caught, mind where your feet go. Where the bears and cro-co-diles lurk in the cracks

97

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S. mind where your feet go. You must be care - ful, they're dan - gerous, they're

A. mind where your feet go. Where the bears and cro-co-diles lurk in the cracks wait - ing for dogs and

T. You must be care - ful. Where the bears and cro-co - diles

B. wait - ing for chil-dren, to eat them up. You must be care - ful, you must be

102

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.      *mf*

bad.      Wherethe bears and cro-codiles lurk in thecracks wait - ing for dogs and chil - dren.

A.      *mp*

chil - dren.      You must be care - ful, they're ve - ry nas - ty. Wherethe

T.      *f*

lurk in the cracks wait - ing for dogs and chil - dren. They're ver - ry nas - ty, be

B.      *mf*

care-ful, ve - ry care-ful. Wherethe bears and cro-codiles lurk in the cracks

107

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.      *pp < fp sf*

Care - ful, they're nas - ty. Mind your step, care - ful, don't tread on them.

A.      *pp < fp sf*

bears and cro - co - diles lurk in the cracks. Mind your step, care - ful, don't tread on them.

T.      *pp < fp sf*

care - ful, care - ful. Mind your step, care - ful, don't tread on them.

B.      *pp < fp sf*

wait - ing for dogs and chil - dren. Mind your step, care - ful, don't tread on them.

#### 4. Recit. & Objections

112 In free time

Fl. *p*

Ob.

Cl. *p*

Hn. *p*

Bsn. *p*

*mf*

8 My brief - case was ca - pa - cious, hold - ing all man - ner of ar - tic - les. With

116

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

8 com - fort - ab - le clear - ance from the hin - ges it could take A - 3 pa - per...

119 **a tempo**

Fl.

Ob. *p*

Cl. *p*

Hn. *p*

Bsn. *mf*

S.A.

T.B.

*f* What's that? A - 3? What's that? A - 3?

What's that, a met - ric size? What's that, a met - ric size?

123 **faster**

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.A.

T.B.

What's that? Met - ric? We don't like met - ric.

What's that? Met - ric?

126

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.A.

T.B.

Down, down with Eur - ope. What's wrong with Quar - to? What's wrong with Fools - cap?

*Soprano Solo**freely*

(unaccompanied) Do you like num - bers? I'll tell you a - bout Fools - cap.

## 5. Foolscap

130 *Moderato*

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

*Soprano Solo*

One and one is two, one and two is three, two and three is five, three and five is eight, five and eight is

135

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Cl. *mp* *p*

Hn. *mp* *p*

Bsn. *mp* *p*

S.A. *mf* thir - teen.

T.B.

thir-teen. Fools - cap's ed - ges are eight and thir - teen so come in the Fi - bo -

140

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Cl. *mp*

Hn. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

na - cci se - ries, the Fi - bo - na - cci se - ries.

S.A. *mf* se - ries. Be -

T.B.

144

S. cause the ed - ges are Fi - bo - na - cci num - bers Fools - cap ap - prox - im - ates to the  
A. Fi - bo - na - cci. Fools - cap ap - prox - im - ates to the  
T. Be - cause the ed - ges are Fi - bo - na - cci, ap - prox - im - ates to the  
B. Be - cause the ed - ges are Fi - bo - na - cci num - bers, ap - prox - im - ates to the

148

Fl. pp

Ob. pp

Cl. pp

Hn.

Bsn. pp

S. Gold - en Rect - an - gle, the Gold - den Rect - an - gle, the Gold - en Rect - an - gle. *p* *f* *3*

A. Gold - en Rect - an - gle, the Gold - en Rect - an - gle, the Gold - en Rect - an - gle. *p* *f* *3*

T. Gold - en Rect - an - gle, the Gold - en Rect - an - gle. *p* *f* *3*

B. Gold - en Rect - an - gle, the Gold - en Rect - an - gle. *p* *f* *3*

155

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

160

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

*Instrumental page turn*

## 6. Recit.

165      In free time      More rhythmically

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

Tenor Solo

8 Ne - ver mind Quar - to, Ne - ver mind Fools - cap. Don't for - get there's an -

**Steadily**

171

Fl. Ob. Cl. Hn. Bsn.

o - ther size, — not met - ric, not an A size: Oct - a - vo, much used for

177

Fl. Ob. Cl. Hn. Bsn.

mu - sic — the whole world o - ver. That's what my brief - case was used for.

## 7. Music

**Andante**

183

Fl. Ob. Cl. Hn. Bsn.

189

Fl. *f* *pp* *f*  
Ob. *f* *pp* *f*  
Cl. *f* *pp* *f*  
Hn. *f*, *pp* *f*  
Bsn. *f* *pp* *f*

195

Fl. *mf*  
Ob. *p* *mp*  
Cl. *mf* *p*  
Hn. *p* *mf* *p* *mf*  
Bsn. *p*

200

Fl. *mf*  
Ob. *mf*  
Cl. *mf*  
Hn. *mf*  
Bsn. *mf*

[204]

S. *mf*  
Mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic,

S. *mf*  
Mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic,

A. *mf*  
Mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic,

T. *mf*  
Mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic,

T. *mf*  
Mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic,

B. *mf*  
Mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic,

[209]

Cl.  
- - - - - , *mp*

S. *p*  
mu - sic, mu - sic, Ah ...

S. *p*  
mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, Ah ...

A. *p*  
mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, Ah ...

T. *p*  
Ah - - - - - , Ah - - - - - , mu - sic, Ah ...

T. *p*  
Ah - - - - - , Ah - - - - - , mu - sic, Ah ...

B.  
mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic, Ah ...

214

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.

S.

A.

T.

T.

B.

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 19, measure 214. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Bassoon. The vocal parts sing "Mu-sic," and "Ah".

218

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.

S.

A.

T.

T.

B.

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 19, measure 218. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Bassoon. The vocal parts sing "mu-sic," and "Ah".

221

Fl. *pp*

Ob. *pp*

Cl. *pp*

Hn. *pp*

Bsn. *pp*

S. mu - sic, mu - sic, mu - sic.

S. Ah Ah Ah Ah

A. Ah Ah Ah

T. Ah Ah Ah

T. Ah Ah Ah

B. Ah Ah Ah

## 8. Recit

225 In free time

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*Tenor Solo*

And now for the sad part. My brief-case was sto - len from my wife's car.

S.A.

T.B.

*p*

(his se - cond wife) —

230 *a tempo*

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.A.

T.B.

I rang the ba-by-sitter\_\_  
 (her name was Lis-a) *mf* I'll be late, bolt the door, they've got the keys.  
 they've got the keys.

234 In free time

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.A.

T.B.

She was frightened, rang her fa-ther. When I got home there were two men\_\_ and a Do-ber-man Pin-scher.  
 (big men)

## 9. Dog

**Allegro** [240]

This section starts with a dynamic of **f**. The Flute has a sustained note followed by eighth-note pairs. The Oboe and Clarinet play eighth-note patterns. The Bassoon and Horn play eighth-note patterns.

[244]

The dynamics change to **mf** for the Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, and Bassoon. The Bassoon and Horn play eighth-note patterns. The Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass sing the word "Woof" at different times, with the Bassoon providing a harmonic foundation.

S. Woof Woof Woof Woof\_ Woof Woof Woof - woof (etc)

A. Woof Woof (etc)

T. Woof Woof (etc)

B. Woof Woof (etc)

## 10. Recit.

253 a tempo

Fl. *mp*

Ob.

Cl. *mp*

Hn. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

*Tenor Solo* *mf*

And now for my spe - cial me - mo - ry of my brief - case. It had on it

259

Fl.

Ob. rit.

Cl. rit.

Hn.

Bsn.

an in - scrip - tion in four lan - guag - es. I re - mem - ber but two.

## 11. Closing

267 Moderato

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Cl. *mf*

Hn. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

273

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. *p*

Hn. *mp*

Bsn. *p*

S. *mf*  
Si ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re solo, *tutti*  
si ap -

A. *mf*  
Si ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re solo,  
si ap -

T. *mf*  
8 Si ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re solo,  
si ap -

B. *mf*  
Si ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re solo,  
si ap -

281

Fl. - - - - - *mp*

Ob. - - - - - *p*

Cl. - - - - - *p*

Hn. - - - - - *mp* *p*

Bsn. - - - - - *mp* *p*

S. re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo solo in que - sto, tutti

A. re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo in que - sto,

T. re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo in que - -

B. ap - re, si ap - re, si ap - re so - lo in que - -

289

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S. in que - sto sen - so, in que - sto, in que - sto sen - so. 8

A. in que - sto sen - so, in que - sto, sen - so.

T. sto, in ques - sto sen - so, que - sto, sen - so.

B. sto, in que - sto sen - so, que - sto sen - so.

297 Free time Maestoso

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.

A.

T.

B.

bass solo 8

Which is to say:

304

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn.

Bsn.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Op - ens this way, this way on - ly,

Op - ens this way, this way on - ly,

Op - ens this way, this way on - ly,

op - ens this way, this way on - ly,

311

Fl. Ob. Cl. Hn. Bsn. S. A. T. B.

op - ens this way on - ly.  
op - ens this way on - ly.  
op - ens this way on - ly.  
op - ens this way on - ly.

at transposed pitch all instruments reflect across the central line

# **“My Briefcase” - A True Story**

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1998 – unaccompanied version

2001 – accompanied version

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## ***Libretto***

<b>1. Opening</b>	<b>p. 2</b>
Si apre solo in questo senso.	
<b>2. Recit.</b>	<b>p. 4</b>
I had a briefcase, a favourite briefcase. It was a present from my wife ( <i>his first wife</i> ). It was Brown. It was Strong. Its make was Samsonite. Its surface was sort of like simulated leather, but not like any real animal or dinosaur; more like the floor of a dried-up reservoir, or crazy paving, where the children play games with the cracks.	
<b>3. Fugue</b>	<b>p. 6</b>
Where the bears and crocodiles lurk in the cracks waiting for children, to eat them up. Where the bears and crocodiles lurk in the cracks waiting for dogs and children.	<i>be careful - don't get caught - mind where your feet go - you must be careful - they're bad - they're very nasty - mind your step - don't tread on them (etc.)</i>
<b>4. Recit. and Objections</b>	<b>p. 10</b>
My briefcase was capacious, holding all manner of articles. With comfortable clearance from the hinges it could take A3 paper. What's that? A3? What's that? metric? We don't like metric. Down, down with Europe. What's wrong with Quarto? What's wrong with Foolscap?	
Do you like numbers? I'll tell you about Foolscap.	
<b>5. Foolscap</b>	<b>p. 12</b>
One and one is two, One and two is three, Two and three is five, Three and five is eight, Five and eight is thirteen.	
Foolscap's edges are eight and thirteen so come in the Fibonacci series. Because the edges are Fibonacci numbers, Foolscap approximates to the Golden Rectangle.	
<b>6. Recit.</b>	<b>p. 15</b>
Never mind Quarto, never mind Foolscap. Don't forget there's another size, not metric, not an A size: Octavo - much used for music the whole world over – that's what my briefcase was used for.	
<b>7. Music</b>	<b>p. 16</b>
Music.	
<b>8. Recit.</b>	<b>p. 20</b>
And now for the sad part. My briefcase was stolen from my wife's car ( <i>his second wife</i> ). I rang the baby-sitter ( <i>her name was Lisa</i> ). I'll be late. Lock the door. They've got the keys. She was frightened; rang her father. When I got home there were two men ( <i>big men</i> ) and a Doberman Pinscher.	
<b>9. Dog</b>	<b>p. 22</b>
Woof. Arf.	
<b>10. Recit.</b>	<b>p. 23</b>
And now for my special memory of my briefcase. It had on it an inscription in four languages: I remember but two.	
<b>11. Closing</b>	<b>p. 24</b>
Si apre solo in questo senso. Which is to say: Opens this way only.	

*Comment: Lisa said the dog was a Doberman – not a Doberman Pinscher.*