



The Complete
Marches of
JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

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THE
LOYAL
LEGION

MARCH
(1890)

FULL SCORE

AS PERFORMED BY
"THE PRESIDENT'S OWN" UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

March, “The Loyal Legion” (1890)

This march was written to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, an organization composed primarily of American Civil War officers and their descendants. The anniversary celebration was held in Philadelphia on April 15 and 16, 1890, and the U.S. Marine Band was ordered by the secretary of the navy to participate.

The piece is seldom played today, but the Loyal Legion uses it occasionally at its meetings. Much of the march appeared in Sousa’s operetta, *The Queen of Hearts* (1885).

Paul E. Bierley, *The Works of John Philip Sousa* (Westerville, Ohio: Integrity Press, 1984), 68. Used by permission.

Editorial Notes

Throughout Sousa’s career as a conductor, he often altered the performance of his marches in specific ways without marking or changing the printed music. These alterations were designed for concert performances and included varying dynamics and omitting certain instruments on repeated strains to expand the range of the musical textures, as well as adding unscripted percussion accents for dramatic emphasis at key points in the music. Although Sousa never documented his performance techniques himself, several players who worked extensively with Sousa provided directions for his frequently performed marches, most notably from cornetist Frank Simon. Many of the marches in this volume of “The Complete Marches of John Philip Sousa” were staples in Sousa’s regular concert repertoire and were included in the “Encore Books” used by the Sousa Band. A complete set of his Encore Books resides in the U.S. Marine Band Library and Archives and are referenced extensively by the Marine Band not only as a guide for some of Sousa’s special performance practice, but also to ascertain the exact instrumentation he employed in his own performances of his marches.

“The Complete Marches of John Philip Sousa” appears in chronological order and is based on some of the earliest known sources for each composition. These newly edited full scores correct many mistakes and inconsistencies found in the parts of early publications; however, all remaining markings and the original scoring are preserved. Where instruments are added to the original orchestration, it is guided by the additional parts Sousa sanctioned in his Encore Books where applicable or based on these typical doublings. Additionally, the alterations traditionally employed by the United States Marine Band in performance are incorporated throughout; either those specifically documented by Sousa’s musicians or changes modeled on the customary practices of “The March King.”

The musical decisions included in these editions were influenced by the work of several outstanding Sousa scholars combined with many decades of Marine Band performance tradition. These editions would not be possible without the exceptional contributions to the study of Sousa’s marches by Captain Frank Byrne (USMC, ret.), Jonathan Elkus, Colonel Timothy Foley (USMC, ret.), Loras Schissel, Dr. Patrick Warfield, and “The March King’s” brilliant biographer, Paul Bierley.

Performance practices that deviate from the original printed indications are described below and appear in [brackets] in the score. In many instances these indications appear side-by-side with the original markings. An open diamond marked with an accent in the cymbal part indicates that the cymbal player should let that accent ring for an additional beat before rejoining the bass drum part.

Introduction (m. 1-4): This strong fortissimo intro is effective if done without diminuendo into the first strain, but rather with a subito mezzo-forte.

First Strain (m. 5-20): Likewise, the first strain has two subito forte moments in m. 12 and 20 before receding back to the mezzo-forte. The cymbals break off from the bass drum part as indicated to play the solos throughout.

Second Strain (m. 21-38): As is the performance custom for many Sousa marches, the first time through this strain is played at mezzo-piano, and piccolo, E-flat clarinet, cornets, trombones, and cymbals are tacet first time. Clarinets are also down the octave as indicated first time. The tubas and baritone saxophone should take care to ensure the grace notes and

interesting sweeps into each downbeat are still heard even within the softer dynamic. All instruments rejoin at fortissimo on beat two of m. 37 for the repeat as printed, and the percussion adds accents as indicated.

Trio (m. 39-55): E-flat clarinet, cornets, and cymbals are tacet in the trio and all others play mezzo-piano first time. Piccolo may continue to play in this trio to highlight the interesting decorative line in this particular march. Trombones may be tacet first time, but can play softly the second time through to include the interesting and unusual counterline in the part. Everyone should play even softer second time through the trio, and the percussion may tacet completely on the repeat to emphasize the softer dynamic.

Break Strain (m. 56-66): All instruments are back in and suddenly at fortissimo with the trumpet fanfares. A big sfz accent in percussion signals a diminuendo in m. 65-66 to the first time through the final strain, and cymbals should cut out in m. 66 to set up the new dynamic.

Final Strain (m. 67-83): Piccolo, E-flat clarinet, cornets, trombones, and cymbals are tacet again for the first time through the final strain, and clarinets are down the octave as indicated. The subito fortissimo returns for the repeat of the break strain and all voices crescendo even further in m. 65-66 to fortississimo for the final time through the last strain. Two sfz accents may be added in percussion on beat two of both m. 79 and 80.

March THE LOYAL LEGION

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JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

March Tempo.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Flute/Piccolo *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

Oboe *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

E♭ Clarinet *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

1st B♭ Clarinet *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

2nd B♭ Clarinet *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

3rd B♭ Clarinet *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

E♭ Alto Clarinet [optional] *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*
[altered E♭ Cornet part] [Sousa's Encore Books]

B♭ Bass Clarinet [optional] *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*
[B♭ Bass part]

1st & 2nd Bassoons *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

E♭ Alto Saxophone [optional] *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*
[altered E♭ Cornet part] [Sousa's Encore Books]

B♭ Tenor Saxophone [optional] *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*
[altered Baritone, T.C. part]

E♭ Baritone Saxophone [optional] *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*
[altered Tuba part]

E♭ Cornet *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

Solo B♭ Cornet *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

1st B♭ Cornet *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

2nd & 3rd B♭ Cornets *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

1st & 2nd F Horns *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

3rd & 4th F Horns *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

Baritone *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

1st & 2nd Trombones *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

3rd Trombone *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

Tuba *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

Drums *ff* *mf* [cresc.] *tr*

Cym. Solo Cym. Solo

THE LOYAL LEGION
Full Score

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Flt./Picc. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Oboe [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

E♭ Clar. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

1st Clar. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

2nd Clar. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

3rd Clar. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Alto Clar. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Bass Clar. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

1st & 2nd Bsns. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Alto Sax. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Ten. Sax. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Bari. Sax. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

E♭ Cor. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Solo B♭ Cor. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

1st B♭ Cor. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

2nd & 3rd B♭ Cors. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

1st & 2nd Hrns. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

3rd & 4th Hrns. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Bar. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

1st & 2nd Trbns. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

3rd Trbn. [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Tuba [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f]

Drums [f] [sub mf] [cresc.] [f] *mf*

Cym. Solo Cym. Solo

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21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

Flt./Picc. [2. [-Picc.] [Picc. 2nd X only] *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

Oboe *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

E♭ Clar. [tacet] [2nd X only] *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

1st Clar. [lower notes 1st X] *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

2nd Clar. [lower notes 1st X] *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

3rd Clar. [lower notes 1st X] *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

Alto Clar. *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

Bass Clar. [2nd X only] *[f] [mp]-ff*

1st & 2nd Bsns. *[f] [mp]-ff*

Alto Sax. *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

Ten. Sax. *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

Bari. Sax. *[f] [mp]-ff*

E♭ Cor. [2. [tacet] [2nd X only] *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

Solo B♭ Cor. [tacet] [2nd X only] *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

1st B♭ Cor. [tacet] [2nd X only] *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

2nd & 3rd B♭ Cors. [2nd X only] *[f] [mp]-ff*

1st & 2nd Hrns. *[f] [mp]-ff*

3rd & 4th Hrns. *[f] [mp]-ff*

Bar. *[f] [mp],ff (ff)2nd X*

1st & 2nd Trbns. *[f] [mp]-ff* a2 [2nd X only]

3rd Trbn. [2nd X only] *[f] [mp]-ff*

Tuba *[f] [mp]-ff*

Drums *[f] [mp]-ff* [Cyms. 2nd X only] [2nd X] [2nd X] [2nd X] [2nd X]

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30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

Flt./Picc. [ff] [+Picc.]

Oboe [ff]

E♭ Clar. [ff] [Play]

1st Clar. [ff]

2nd Clar. [ff]

3rd Clar. [ff]

Alto Clar. [ff] [Play]

Bass Clar.

1st & 2nd Bsns.

Alto Sax. [ff]

Ten. Sax. [ff]

Bari. Sax.

E♭ Cor. [ff] [Play]

Solo B♭ Cor. [ff] [Play]

1st B♭ Cor. [ff] [Play]

2nd & 3rd B♭ Cors.

1st & 2nd Hrns.

3rd & 4th Hrns.

Bar. [ff]

1st & 2nd Trbns.

3rd Trbn.

Tuba

Drums [2nd X]

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39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

TRIO.

Flt./Picc. [mp-pp] 3

Oboe [mp-pp] 3

E♭ Clar. [tacet both Xs] [mp-pp] 3

1st Clar. [lower notes both Xs] [mp-pp] 3

2nd Clar. [lower notes both Xs] [mp-pp]

3rd Clar. [lower notes both Xs] [mp-pp]

Alto Clar. [mp-pp] 3

Bass Clar. [mp-pp]

1st & 2nd Bsns. [mp-pp]

Alto Sax. [mp-pp] 3

Ten. Sax. [mp-pp]

Bari. Sax. [mp-pp]

TRIO.

E♭ Cor. [tacet both Xs] [mp-pp] 3

Solo B♭ Cor. [tacet both Xs] [mp-pp] 3

1st B♭ Cor. [tacet both Xs] [mp-pp]

2nd & 3rd B♭ Cors. [tacet both Xs] [mp-pp]

1st & 2nd Hrns. [mp-pp]

3rd & 4th Hrns. [mp-pp]

Bar. [mp-pp]

1st & 2nd Trbns. [mp-pp] [2nd X only]

3rd Trbn. [tacet both Xs] [mp-pp]

Tuba [mp-pp]

Drums [1st X only] [mp-pp] [-Cyms. both Xs] 4 8

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Full Score

47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55

Flt./Picc.
Oboe
Eb Clar.
1st Clar.
2nd Clar.
3rd Clar.
Alto Clar.
Bass Clar.
1st & 2nd Bsns.
Alto Sax.
Ten. Sax.
Bari. Sax.
Eb Cor.
Solo Bb Cor.
1st Bb Cor.
2nd & 3rd Bb Cors.
1st & 2nd Hrns.
3rd & 4th Hrns.
Bar.
1st & 2nd Trbns.
3rd Trbn.
Tuba
Drums

12 14

THE LOYAL LEGION
Full Score

56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

Flt./Picc. *ff*

Oboe *ff*

E♭ Clar. *ff* [Play]

1st Clar. *ff*

2nd Clar. *ff*

3rd Clar. *ff*

Alto Clar. *ff*

Bass Clar. *ff*

1st & 2nd Bsns. *ff*

Alto Sax. *ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Bari. Sax. *ff*

E♭ Cor. *ff* [Play]

Solo B♭ Cor. *ff* [Play]

1st B♭ Cor. *ff*

2nd & 3rd B♭ Cors. *ff* [Play]

1st & 2nd Hrns. *ff*

3rd & 4th Hrns. *ff*

Bar. *ff*

1st & 2nd Trbns. *ff*

3rd Trbn. *ff* [Play]

Tuba *ff*

Drums *ff* [+ Cyms.] [sf] [- Cyms. 1st X]

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Full Score

Grandioso 67 [Picc. 2nd X only] 68 69 70 71 72 73 74

Flt./Picc. *[mp]-fff*

Oboe *[mp]-fff*

E♭ Clar. [2nd X only] *[mp]-fff*
[lower notes 1st X]

1st Clar. *[mp]-fff*
[lower notes 1st X]

2nd Clar. *[mp]-fff*
[lower notes 1st X]

3rd Clar. *[mp]-fff*
[lower notes 1st X]

Alto Clar. *[mp]-fff*

Bass Clar. *[mp]-fff*

1st & 2nd Bsns. *[mp]-fff*

Alto Sax. *[mp]-fff*

Ten. Sax. *[mp]-fff*

Bari. Sax. *[mp]-fff*

Grandioso [2nd X only]

E♭ Cor. *[mp]-fff*

Solo B♭ Cor. [2nd X only] *[mp]-fff*

1st B♭ Cor. [2nd X only] *[mp]-fff*

2nd & 3rd B♭ Cors. [2nd X only] *[mp]-fff*

1st & 2nd Hrns. *[mp]-fff*

3rd & 4th Hrns. *[mp]-fff*

Bar. *[mp]-fff*

1st & 2nd Trbns. [2nd X only] *[mp]-fff*

3rd Trbn. [2nd X only] *[mp]-fff*

Tuba *[mp]-fff*

Drums *[mp]-fff*

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75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83

Flt./Picc.
Oboe
Eb Clar.
1st Clar.
2nd Clar.
3rd Clar.
Alto Clar.
Bass Clar.
1st & 2nd Bsns.
Alto Sax.
Ten. Sax.
Bari. Sax.
Eb Cor.
Solo Bb Cor.
1st Bb Cor.
2nd & 3rd Bb Cors.
1st & 2nd Hrns.
3rd & 4th Hrns.
Bar.
1st & 2nd Trbns.
3rd Trbn.
Tuba
Drums

[sfz] [2nd X] [sfz] [2nd X]