

# IN MY CLOUD



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for orchestra

DAVID VESS

**Instrumentation:**

2 flutes	4 horns in F
2 oboes	2 trumpets in C
2 clarinets in Bb	2 tenor trombones
2 bassoons	bass trombone
	tuba

**Percussion I:**      **Percussion II:**

tam-tam	bass drum
2 toms	crotales
4 wood blocks	suspended cymbal
timpani	harp
	strings

**Duration: 4:15 approx.**

**Performance Notes:**

In measure 106, we enter an aleatoric section. All of the players (including string sections) will play asynchronously. No coordination is required between the sections except to follow the conductor into the next bar.

**Program Note:**

Cloud formations are some of the most beautiful occurrences on our planet. Literally every moment in the sky is completely new and unique. *In My Cloud* is a short and colorful overture about this phenomenon. It is about the dance of light and shadow on the sky-canvas above us. The work begins like a flash of lightning. It is quite stormy, but just as clouds can be dark and overcast, they can change and allow the sun to shine. I love getting to play with blurry moments like this, like the bizarre skyscape of small opening of sun and blue sky, surrounded by gray clouds. The work builds to a climax that brings all of the small motifs and themes all together. But, right after the thunderous landing, the orchestra launches into a rainbow-burst of color. This section is entirely aleatoric, meaning that the conductor doesn't control the timing of the musicians, which means that every performance of this work will be completely new and unique, just like cloud formations. The work then quietly evaporates, ending with the simplicity of summer rain on a cloudy day.

**About the Composer:**

The music of David Vess (b. 1991) has been described as everything from "ethereal and "unique" to "a real barnburner." Originally from the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, Vess' music draws inspiration from his eclectic career as a musician. From playing in a Johnny Cash cover band, singing in choir, playing in New Orleans Style Brass Bands, and conducting contemporary opera, all of these different worlds find a connection in David's music.

David was named the 2022-23 Student Composer-in-Residence with Seraphic Fire through the University of Miami Frost School of Music, where he is pursuing his doctorate in composition. At Frost he serves a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Music Theory and while also teaching at Frost Advanced Piano Prep and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. David lives in Jacksonville, FL with his wife Sophie and their cat, Obi.

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**Related Works:**

*Soaring Over the White Mountains* - (2022) for orchestra  
*Ignite* - (2017) fanfare for brass and timpani  
*Chroma the Great* - (2014) for orchestra

# In My Cloud

**David Vess**  
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## **Teeming with life**

• = 138

Flute I      *sffz*      *mf*      *p*      *mf*

Flute II     *sffz*      *mf*      *p*      *mf*

Oboe I      *sffz*

Oboe II     *sffz*

Clarinet I in B♭      *sffz*      *p*      *f*      *p*      *f*      *p*      *mf*

Clarinet II in B♭     *sffz*      *p*      *f*      *p*      *f*      *p*      *mf*

Bassoon I    *fp*      *p*      *f*      *p*      *f*      *p*      *p*

Bassoon II   *fp*      *p*      *f*      *p*      *f*      *p*

Horn I in F   *sffz*

Horn II in F   *fp*

Horn III in F   *sffz*

Horn IV in F   *fp*

Trumpet I in C      *open*      *sffz*

Trumpet II in C     *open*      *sffz*

Tenor Trombone I    *sffz*

Tenor Trombone II   *sffz*

Bass Trombone      *sffz*

Tuba              *sffz*

Timpani          *sffz*      *pp*

### **Teeming with life**

138

Musical score for strings section (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass) showing measures 138-140. The tempo is indicated as = 138. The score includes dynamic markings such as *sf*, *pp*, and *mf*. Measure 138: Violin I and II play eighth-note patterns with dynamic *sf*. Measure 139: Violin I and II play eighth-note patterns with dynamic *pp*. Measure 140: All instruments play eighth-note patterns with dynamic *mf*. Measure 141: All instruments play eighth-note patterns with dynamic *mf*.



Fl. I      f      f      p      p

Fl. II     f      f      p      p

Ob. I     f      f      p      p

Ob. II    f      f      p      p

Cl. I     f      p      f      f      p

Cl. II    f      p      f      f      p

Bsn. I    fp      f      mf      f      f

Bsn. II   fp      f      mf      f      f

Hn. I     fp      f      mf      f      f

Hn. II    fp      f      mf      f      f

Hn. III   fp      f      mf      f      f

Hn. IV    fp      f      mf      f      f

C Tpt. I      Harmon mute, stem in Wah      ff      p

C Tpt. II      Harmon mute, stem in Wah      ff      p

Tbn. I     f

Tbn. II    f

B. Tbn.    f

Tba.      f

Timp.      f      pp

Perc. I     f

Perc. II    f

Hp.      f      ff      f      F nat.

Vln. I     fp      f      pizz.      ff      mp      arco      f

Vln. II    fp      f      pizz.      ff      mp

Vla.      fp      f      pizz.      ff

Vc.      fp      f      pizz.      ff

Cb.      fp      f      pizz.      ff

**19**

Fl. I  
Fl. II  
Ob. I  
Ob. II  
Cl. I  
Cl. II  
Bsn. I  
Bsn. II  
Hn. I  
Hn. II  
Hn. III  
Hn. IV  
C Tpt. I  
C Tpt. II  
Tbn. I  
Tbn. II  
B. Tbn.  
Tba.  
Tim.  
Perc. I  
Perc. II  
Hp.  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

**19** **20** **21** **22** **23** **24**

Wah  
*ff*  
Wah  
*ff*

*B#, E#, F#, G*

*gloss.*



32

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I

Hn. II

Hn. III

Hn. IV

C Tpt. I

C Tpt. II

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Hp.

32

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

31

32

33

34

35

36

42

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I

Hn. II

Hn. III

Hn. IV

C Tpt. I

C Tpt. II

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I

Hn. II

Hn. III

Hn. IV

C Tpt. I

C Tpt. II

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. I

Toms + Woodblocks

Perc. II

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p  
f  
ff  
mf

43 44 45 46 47 48

**49**

Fl. I      f

Fl. II      f

Ob. I      f

Ob. II      f

Cl. I      f

Cl. II      f

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I

Hn. II

Hn. III

Hn. IV

C Tpt. I

C Tpt. II

Tbn. I      p      mp

Tbn. II      p      mp

B. Tbn.      p      mp

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. I      mf      p      mf      p      mf      p

Sus. Cymbal

Perc. II      p      mf      pp      p      mf      pp

Hp.      f

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

**49**

50

51

52

53

54



**Fl. I** *f* *ff* *mf* *pp*

**Fl. II** *f* *ff* *mf* *pp*

**Ob. I** *f* *ff* *mf* *pp*

**Ob. II** *f* *ff* *mf* *pp*

**Cl. I** *f* *ff* *mf* *pp*

**Cl. II** *f* *ff*

**Bsn. I** *fp* *f* *mp* *mf*

**Bsn. II** *fp* *f* *mp* *mf*

**Hn. I** *f* *mp* *mf*

**Hn. II** *f* *mp* *mf*

**Hn. III** *f* *mp* *mf*

**Hn. IV** *f* *mp* *mf*

**C Tpt. I** *f* *ff*

**C Tpt. II** *f* *ff*

**Tbn. I** *ff* *p* *f*

**Tbn. II** *ff* *p* *f*

**B. Tbn.** *ff* *p* *f*

**Tba.**

**Tim.** *mf* *mp* *pp* *p*

**Perc. I** *Tam-tam* *mf*

**Perc. II** *ff* *Crotales*

**Hp.** *ff* *ff*

**Vln. I** *f* *sf* *mf* *f*

**Vln. II** *f* *sf* *mf* *f*

**Vla.** *f* *sf* *mf* *f*

**Vc.** *fp* *sf* *mf*

**Cb.** *fp* *sf* *mf*

**62**

**61** **62** **63** **64** **65** **66**





Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I

Hn. II

Hn. III

Hn. IV

C Tpt. I

C Tpt. II

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Timpani

Perc. I

Perc. II

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

85

Fl. I      ff      fp      ff      fp

Fl. II     ff      fp      ff      fp

Ob. I     ff      fp      ff      fp

Ob. II    ff      fp      ff      fp

Cl. I     ff      fp      ff      fp

Cl. II    ff      fp      ff      fp

Bsn. I    ff      fp      ff      fp

Bsn. II   pp      ff      fp      ff      fp

Hn. I     ff      p      ff      fp      fp      p      fp

Hn. II    ff      p      ff      fp      fp      p      fp

Hn. III   ff      p      ff      fp      fp      p      fp

Hn. IV    ff      p      ff      fp      fp      p      fp

C Tpt. I   ff      p      ff      fp      fp      p      fp

C Tpt. II   ff      p      ff      fp      fp      p      fp

Tbn. I     ff      p      ff      fp      fp      p      fp

Tbn. II    ff      p      ff      fp      fp      p      fp

B. Tbn.    ff      p      ff      fp      fp      ff      fp

Tba.     ff      p      ff      fp      fp      ff      fp

Timp.    f      ff<sup>3</sup>      pp      p      f      p      p      f      p

Perc. I    f      -      -      -      -      -      -      f

Perc. II   f      -      -      -      -      Sus. Cymbal      p      f      p

Hp.     f      -      -      -      -      -      -      f      sf

85

Vln. I      ff      fp      ff      fp      ff      fp

Vln. II     ff      fp      ff      fp      ff      fp

Vla.        ff      fp      ff      fp      ff      fp

Vc.        ff      ff      fp      ff      ff      fp

Cb.        ff      ff      fp      ff      ff      fp

Fl. I      ff      p      ff      fff

Fl. II     ff      p      ff      fff

Ob. I     ff      p      ff      fff

Ob. II    ff      p      ff      fff

Cl. I     ff      p      ff      3 3

Cl. II    ff      p      ff      3 3

Bsn. I    ff      p      ff      3 3

Bsn. II   ff      p      ff      3 3

Hn. I     p      f      ff      3 3

Hn. II    p      f      ff      3 3

Hn. III   p      f      ff      3 3

Hn. IV    p      f      ff      3 3

C Tpt. I   p      f      ff      3 3

C Tpt. II   p      f      ff      3 3

Tbn. I    p      f      ff      3 3

Tbn. II   p      f      ff

B. Tbn.   ff      p      ff

Tba.   ff      p      ff

Timp.   p      f      pp      ff      3 3

Perc. I   -      -      mf      f

Perc. II   f      p      p      f

Hp.   -      -      -      -

Vln. I    f      p      ff      fff

Vln. II   f      p      ff      fff

Vla.    f      p      ff      fff

Vc.   ff      p      ff      fff

Cb.   ff      p      ff      3 3

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I

Hn. II

Hn. III

Hn. IV

C Tpt. I

C Tpt. II

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Grottoes

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

18

**molto rit.**

**Out of Tempo**  
\* Hold for 10" Seconds

**10" Seconds**

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob. I

Ob. II

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. I

Bsn. II

Hn. I

Hn. II

Hn. III

Hn. IV

C Tpt. I

C Tpt. II

Tbn. I

Tbn. II

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. I

Perc. II

10" Seconds

10" Seconds

10" Seconds

10 seconds

10 seconds

10 seconds

Vln. I

p — f

Vln. II

p — f

Vla.

p — f

Vc.

p — f

Cb.

p — f

pp

pp

pp