

Fight or Flight

for Brass Quartet

Piccolo Trumpet

Trumpet in C

Tenor Trombone

Bass Trombone

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Fight or Flight was composed in 2020 by Zoe Gougousidis. It had a digital premiere on the 20th of August 2020, which was recorded by Addie Channon (Piccolo Trumpet and Trumpet in C), Zoe Gougousidis (Tenor Trombone), and Harry Macpherson (Bass Trombone).

This is a **transposing score**.

Duration: c. 4 minutes, 25 seconds.

Fight or Flight is all about opposing forces, which is reflected in the elements of the work - contrasting slow and fast tempos, high and low pitch, loud and soft dynamics, and in style. The instrumentation also reflects this, with the piccolo trumpet down to bass trombone allowing for a wide pitch range, as well as the tone colour variety of these instruments - brash and brassy to mellow and soft.

The piece begins with the 'fight' theme - pitting trumpets and trombones against each other, opening with long, soft trumpet notes and trombones playing low, loud stab notes. The main theme of this section is a D blues motif, used in a hocketing style, along with fast paced and energetic movement that drives the section.

The middle section is a much slower, more sonorous section, representing the 'flight' aspect of the piece, having a trumpet-trombone duet, chorale style harmonies and sweet melody, with the quartet all working together for a unified section.

This section ends with a thin trumpet passage, before being interrupted by the reintroduction of the high intensity semiquaver blues motif. The ending is a recapitulation of the 'fight' theme - with driving running lines, fast-paced pulse and high energy movement leading to the explosive end of the piece.

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♩ = 150 energetic and intense

Piccolo Trumpet in B♭

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Trombone

Bass Trombone

wide vibrato

pp < *p*

pp < *mp*

ff

ff

6

Picc. Tpt.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

mp

p

mp

f

p

mp

f

p

ff

mp

f

mf

f

11

Picc. Tpt.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

growl

f

f

ff

f

ff

f

f

p

wide vibrato

p

f

A

17

Picc. Tpt.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

mp *ff* *f* *ff* *mf* *mf*

22

Picc. Tpt.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

mf *mf* *mf* *mf*

27

Picc. Tpt.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

p *f* *p* *p* *f* *p* *p* *f* *p*

31

Picc. Tpt. *f* *p* *f*

C Tpt. *f* *p* *f*

Tbn. *f* *p* *f*

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

35

Picc. Tpt. *mf* *ff* *mf* *mp*

C Tpt. *mf* *ff* *f* *mp*

Tbn. *mf* *ff*

B. Tbn. *mf* *ff*

growl

gliss.

41

Picc. Tpt. *p* *mp* *f*

C Tpt. *mf* *p* *f*

Tbn. *f*

B. Tbn. *f*