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# ELK RIVER BLUES

## JAZZ ENSEMBLE

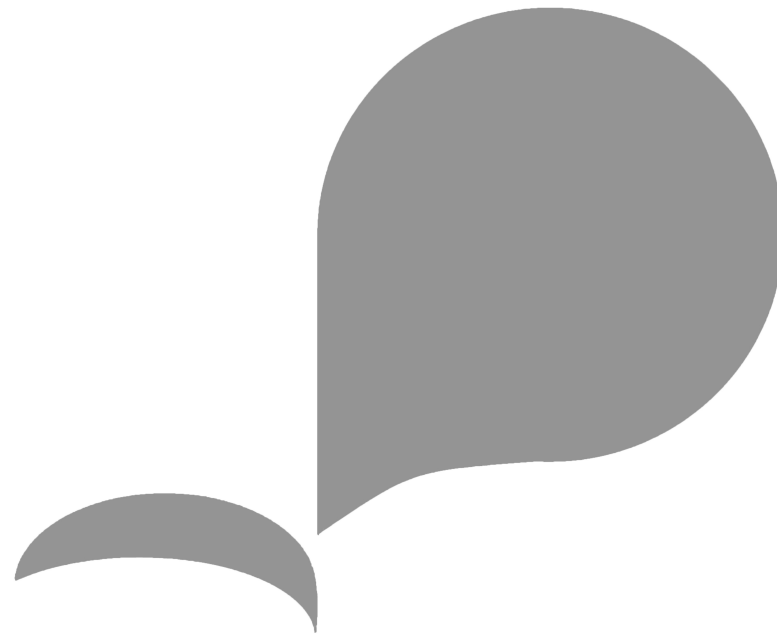
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### INSTRUMENTATION:

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| 1 Alto Sax 1      | 1 Guitar      |
| 1 Alto Sax 2      | 1 Piano       |
| 1 Tenor Sax 1     | 1 Bass Guitar |
| 1 Tenor Sax 2     | 1 Drum Set    |
| 1 Baritone Sax    |               |
|                   |               |
| 1 Trumpet in Bb 1 |               |
| 1 Trumpet in Bb 2 |               |
| 1 Trumpet in Bb 3 |               |
| 1 Trumpet in Bb 4 |               |
| 1 Trombone 1      |               |
| 1 Trombone 2      |               |
| 1 Trombone 3      |               |
| 1 Trombone 4      |               |



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## ABOUT:

With its catchy, relaxing groove and a great opportunity for solos, bring joy and serenity to your program with this lovely blues!

### FROM THE COMPOSER:

"Elk River Blues" is inspired by the beautiful river of the same name on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This river runs along multiple historical landmarks and is located in a very calm rural area. Its beauty and serenity is conveyed in the laid-back yet joyful melodies present within "Elk River Blues".

DURATION: ~3'05"



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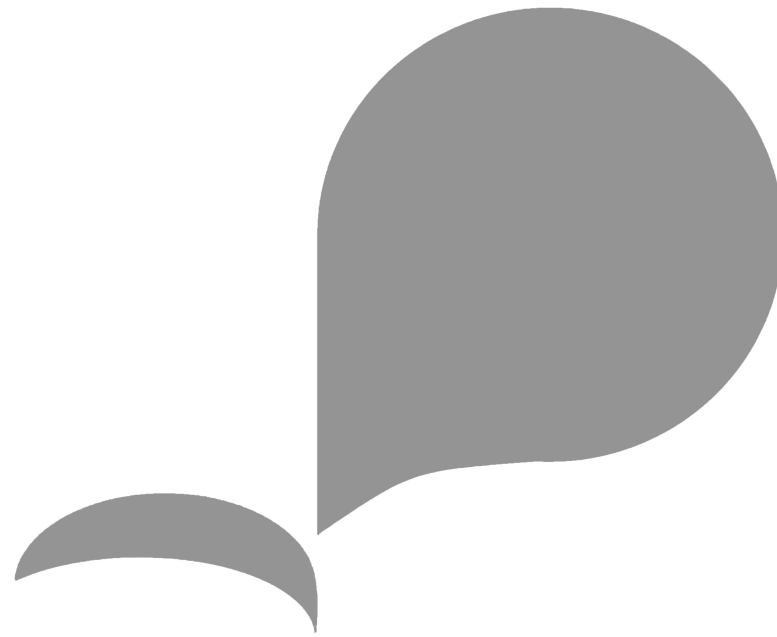
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Transposed  
Score

# ELK RIVER BLUES

for Jazz Band

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Laid-back Swing ♩ = 112

5

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

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1 A. Sax. 2 T. Sax. 3 B. Sax. 4 B. Tpt. 5 Tbn. 6 Gtr. 7 Pno. 8 Bass 9 Dr.

*fp* *fp* *mp* *mf* *p* fill

(8) (12)

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17

A. Sax 1 *f*

A. Sax 2 *f*

T. Sax 1 *f*

T. Sax 2 *f*

B. Sax *f*

B<sup>b</sup> Tpt 1 *mf*

B<sup>b</sup> Tpt 2 *mf*

B<sup>b</sup> Tpt 3 *mf*

B<sup>b</sup> Tpt 4 *mf*

Tbn 1 *f*

Tbn 2 *f*

Tbn 3 *f*

Tbn 4 *f*

Gr. *f* Eb7 Eb7 Bb7 Eb7

Pno *mf* Eb7 Eb7 Bb7 Eb7

Bass *f* Eb7 Eb7 Bb7 Eb7

Dr. *mf*

(4)

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1  
A. Sax

2  
T. Sax

1  
2  
B. Sax

1  
2  
3  
4  
B. Tpt

1  
2  
3  
4  
Tbn.

Gtr.

Pno

Bass

Dr.

Chords: Bb7, Cm7, F7, Bb7, G7, Cm7, F7

mf, fp, fill

(8) (12)

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Solo Section (do not repeat)

29

29

A. Sax 1 2

T. Sax 1 2

B. Sax 1 2

B. Tpt 1 2 3 4

Tbn 1 2 3 4

Tr. Eb7 Eb7 Eb7 Eb7 Bb7

Pno Eb7 Eb7 Eb7 Eb7 Bb7

Bass Eb7 Eb7 Eb7 Eb7 Bb7

Dr. p

(4) (8)

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Am7 D7 G7 E7 Am7 D7 **41**

Dm7 G7 C7 A7 Dm7 G7

C7 C7

Bb7 Eb7 Bb7 Eb7

Cm7 F7 Bb7 G7 Cm7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 Bb7

fill

Dr. (12) (4)

ELK RIVER BLUES

Musical score for 'Elk River Blues' featuring saxophones, trumpets, trombones, guitar, piano, bass, and drums. The score includes a large red watermark reading 'PERUSAL COPY legal use requires purchase'.

Instrument parts include:

- A Sax (Alto Saxophone)
- T. Sax (Tenor Saxophone)
- B. Sax (Baritone Saxophone)
- B. Tpt (Bass Trumpet)
- Tbn. (Trombone)
- Gr. (Guitar)
- Pno (Piano)
- Bass
- Dr. (Drums)

Chord progressions and dynamics are indicated throughout the score. Dynamics include *p* (piano).

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53

A. Sax. 1, 2 *ff*

T. Sax. 1, 2 *ff*

B. Sax. 1, 2 *ff*

E♭ Tpt. 1, 2, 3, 4 *ff*

Tbn. 1, 2, 3, 4 *ff*

Gtr. *ff* Bb7 Eb7 Bb7 Eb7 Bb7

Pno. *ff* Bb7 Eb7 Bb7 Eb7 Bb7

Bass *ff* Bb7 Eb7 Bb7 Eb7 Bb7

Dr. *f* (4) (8)

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65

Musical score for 'Elk River Blues', measures 61-68. The score includes parts for Saxophones (A, T, B), Trumpets (B♭), Trombones (Tbn), Guitar (Gtr), Piano (Pno), Bass, and Drums (Dr). The key signature is one flat (B♭ major / F minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The score features various dynamic markings (fp, mf, ff) and articulation (accents, slurs). Performance instructions include 'shake! (optional)' for the saxophones and trumpets. A large red watermark 'PREPUB SALE requires purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. It includes parts for:

- Saxophones:** Alto Sax (A. Sax) and Tenor Sax (T. Sax), each with two staves (1 and 2).
- Brass:** Trumpets (B♭ Tpt) and Trombones (Tbn), each with four staves (1, 2, 3, and 4).
- Other Instruments:** Guitar (Gtr.), Piano (Pno), Bass, and Drums (Dr.).

The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B♭). The first system (measures 69-76) features a prominent saxophone melody in the right hand, supported by a steady bass line and a consistent drum pattern. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and arpeggiated figures. A large red watermark reading 'PERUSAL COPY' is overlaid diagonally across the score, and a smaller watermark 'Legal use requires purchase' is also visible.

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77

A. Sax 1, 2

T. Sax 1, 2

B. Sax

B<sup>b</sup> Tpt 1, 2, 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2, 3, 4

Gr. Cm7, G7, Cm7, F7

Pno Cm7, Bb7, G7, Cm7, F7

Bass Cm7, Bb7, G7, Cm7, F7

Dr. solo, end solo, ad lib.

*rit.*

*ff*

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