

**Walker Williams**

# **The Farnham Colossi**

## **March**

**for Concert Band or Wind Ensemble**

**Preview Score, not for performance**

Piccolo  
2 Flutes  
2 Oboes  
2 Bassoons  
3 Clarinets in Bb  
Bass Clarinet  
Soprano Saxophone  
Alto Saxophone  
Tenor Saxophone  
Baritone Saxophone  
3 Trumpets in Bb  
4 Horns in F  
2 Trombones  
3<sup>rd</sup> Trombone or Bass Trombone  
Euphonium/Baritone  
Tuba  
Percussion 1: Bass Drum, Tam-tam, Marimba  
Percussion 2: Snare Drum, Vibraphone, Splash Cymbal  
Percussion 3: Crash Cymbals, Xylophone, Ratchet  
Percussion 4: Car Horn, Whip, Vibraphone, Sleigh Bells,  
Glockenspiel, Triangle

About 5 miles from my family home in rural West Virginia lies the house of George and Pam Farnham. In their yard, next to the bright purple barn, is an impressive collection of Americana. A small but once workable Simpsons roller coaster stands by statues of Yogi and Boo Boo Bear, a life size pterodactyl, and an elephantine apple the size of a wrecking ball, among other assorted sculptures. Presiding over the lot stand four molded fiberglass colossi, each twenty feet tall: a beer-drinking beach bum, a tattooed bikini babe, a friendly grocer, and the undisputed leader, a crowned King Midas wielding an automobile muffler large enough to crush a small car. Thousands of statues like these (collectively known as 'muffler men') popped up all across the US in the 60's and 70's, but very few remain, mostly in the hands of collectors like the Farnhams. This march is dedicated to the Farnham Colossi, and to all muffler men, past and present.

This piece draws inspiration from classic circus marches, known as 'screamers', and I also owe a great debt to J. P. Sousa, whose 'Stars and Stripes Forever' was a model for form and instrumentation. I intend no disrespect to the Farnhams, the Midas Muffler Co., Sousa, or to anyone, and I hope the musicians and audience have as much fun with this piece as I've had writing it.

Conductor's notes:

At bar 110, as many flute players as possible should change to piccolo for the remainder of the piece, continuing to read the same part, which will sound up an octave. From bars 119-150, the soprano saxophone may optionally double the flute/piccolo line, in order for it to be audible above the rest of the ensemble; this will depend on how many flutes and piccolos are on the line already, and is at the conductor's discretion. Bar 167 creates the effect of a complete trainwreck; the 'drum major' shouting in the percussion 1 part may optionally be given to some other band member, perhaps one with experience as a drum major, but on no account have more than one voice on that part. Additionally, for dramatic effect, the piccolo and flute players may stand during bars 119-150, and the trombones from bar 173 to the end; this is, of course, entirely optional. In the last bar, the splash cymbal used should be quite small, 6' - 8' diameter if possible.

-Walker Williams

# The Farnham Colossi

March

**Circus tempo**

**2** ( $\text{♩} = 130\text{--}145 \text{ ish}$ )

**3**

**2** *Here we go!*

Walter Williams (b. 1993)

(8) First Strain

Preview Score, not for performance

Instrumentation:

- Piccolo
- Flutes 1, 2
- Oboes 1, 2
- Bassoons 1, 2
- Clarinet 1, 2
- Clarinet 3
- Bass Clarinet
- Soprano Saxophone
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Baritone Saxophone
- Trumpet 1
- Trumpets 2, 3
- Horns 1, 2
- Horns 3, 4
- Trombones 1, 2
- Trombone 3 or Bass Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Percussion 1
- Percussion 2
- Percussion 3
- Percussion 4

Performance Instructions:

- Dynamic markings:** ff, mp, p.
- Performance instructions:** tutti, solo, *Here we go!*, *gliss between notes*.

2

**9**      **5**      **2**       **$\frac{12}{8}$**       **5**      **2**      **5**      **2**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

B. D.

S. D.

Cym.

Perc.

*play it like that one spot in 'sleigh ride'*

to car horn

car horn

to vibraslap

whip

*f*

*f*

18

2

molto rit. . . . . a tempo  $\frac{J}{=}$ 

(22)

3

2

(♩ = 56)

2

 $\frac{12}{8}$ 

3

Picc. *p* *f* *ff* *f*  
 Fl. 1, 2 *f* *ff* *f*  
 Ob. 1, 2 *f* *ff* *f*  
 Bsn. 1, 2 *f* *ff* *f*  
 Cl. 1, 2 *f* *ff* *f*  
 Cl. 3 *f* *ff* *f*  
 B. Cl. *f* *ff* *f*  
 Sop. Sax. *p* *f* *ff* *f*  
 Alto Sax. *p* *f* *ff* *f*  
 Ten. Sax. *f* *ff* *f*  
 Bari. Sax. *f* *ff* *f*

Preview Score, not for performance

Tpt. 1 *f* *ff* *f*  
 Tpt. 2 *f* *ff* *f*  
 Hn. 1, 2 *f* *ff* *f*  
 Hn. 3, 4 *f* *ff* *f*  
 Tbn. 1, 2 *f* *with vigor tutti* *f*  
 Tbn. 3 *f* *with vigor* *f*  
 Euph. *f* *with vigor* *f*  
 Tba. *f* *ff* *f*  
 B. D. *f* *ff* *f*  
 S. D. *f* *ff* *f*  
 Cym. *f* *ff* *f*  
 Perc. *f* *vibraslap* *to car horn* *ff*

$\frac{2}{2}$

$\frac{3}{2}$

$\frac{2}{2}$

Picc. *ff* *mf*

Fl. 1 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Fl. 2 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Ob. 1 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Ob. 2 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Bsn. 1 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Bsn. 2 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Cl. 1 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Cl. 2 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Cl. 3 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

B. Cl. *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Sop. Sax. *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Alto Sax. *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Ten. Sax. *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Bari. Sax. *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Tpt. 1 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Tpt. 2 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Hn. 1 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Hn. 2 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Hn. 3 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Tbn. 1 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Tbn. 2 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Tbn. 3 *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Euph. *ff* *mf* *ppp*

Tba. *ff* *mf* *ppp*

B. D. *ff* *mf* *ppp*

S. D. *ff* *mf*

Cym. *ff* *car horn* *mf* *sleigh bells* *ppp*

Perc. *ff* to sleigh bells *mf* *ppp*

*ff* *mf* *ppp*

36

(37) Second Strain

3 2 5 2

5

Picc. ff

Fl. 1 ff

Ob. 2 ff

Bsn. 1 ff

Cl. 1 two players ff

Cl. 3 ff

B. Cl. solo ff

Sop. Sax. ff

Alto Sax. ff

Ten. Sax. ff f

Bari. Sax. ff f

Tpt. 1 f

Tpt. 2 f

Hn. 1 ff mf

Hn. 4 ff mf

Tbn. 1 tutti ff

Tbn. 3 ff f

Euph. ff f

Tba. ff f

B. D. ff mf

S. D. ff mf

Cym. ff mf to car horn

Perc. ff

Preview Score, not for performance

45

32

22

53

Picc. *solo confidently*

Fl. 1 *tutti p*

Fl. 2 *p*

Ob. 1 *tutti p*

Ob. 2 *p*

Bsn. 1 *f* *f* *tutti p*

Bsn. 2 *tutti p*

Cl. 1 *p*

Cl. 2 *tutti p*

Cl. 3 *p*

B. Cl. *tutti f* *f* *p*

op. Sax. *ff* *p*

Alto Sax. *ff* *p*

Ten. Sax. *ff* *p*

Ari. Sax. *ff* *f* *p*

Tpt. 1 *one player serene, majestic mp 3 f tutti p*

Tpt. 2 *one player serene, majestic mp 3 f tutti p*

Hn. 1 *tutti mf p*

Hn. 2 *mp 3 f mf p*

Hn. 3 *one player serene, majestic mp 3 f tutti pp gliss between slurred notes here*

Tbn. 1 *ff* *gliss between slurred notes here*

Tbn. 3 *f*

Euph. *f f p*

Tba. *f f p*

B. D. *p*

S. D. *ff f p*

Cym. *p*

Perc. *p*

Picc. *realizing you were wrong*  
 Fl. 1 *f* *with renewed confidence*  
 Fl. 2 *f* *mf* *ff*  
 Ob. 1 *f* *p* *ff*  
 Ob. 2 *you're on the wrong beat, but at least you can blame the piccolo*  
 Bsn. 1 *f* *mp* *solo tutti* *p* *ff*  
 Bsn. 2 *f* *mp* *p* *ff*  
 Cl. 1 *f* *p* *ff*  
 Cl. 2 *f* *p* *ff*  
 Cl. 3 *f* *p* *ff*  
 B. Cl. *f* *mp* *f* *p* *ff*  
 Sop. Sax. *f* *p* *ff*  
 Alto Sax. *f* *p* *ff*  
 Ten. Sax. *f* *p* *ff*  
 Bari. Sax. *f* *mp* *f* *p* *ff*

Preview Score, not for performance

Tpt. 1 *f* *p* *ff*  
 Tpt. 2 *f* *p* *ff*  
 Hn. 1 *f* *p* *ff*  
 Hn. 3 *f* *p* *ff*  
 Tbn. 1 *f*  
 Tbn. 2 *f*  
 Tbn. 3 *f*  
 Euph. *f* *mp* *f* *p* *ff*  
 Tba. *f* *mp* *f* *p* *ff*  
 B. D. *f* *p* *ff*  
 S. D. *f* *p* *ff*  
 Cym. *f* *p* *ff*  
 Perc. *car horn* *f* *To Glock.*

63

(70) Trio

Picc. *ff*

Fl. 1 *ff*

Fl. 2 *serene, majestic*  
*tutti*  
*serene, majestic*

Ob. 1 *mp*  
*f ff*

Bsn. 1 *mp*  
*f ff*

Cl. 1 *mp*  
*f ff*

Cl. 2 *mp*  
*f ff*

Cl. 3 *mp*  
*f ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

Sop. Sax. *ff*

Alto Sax. *< ff*  
*pp*  
*solo*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Bari. Sax. *ff*

Tpt. 1 *ff*

Tpt. 2 *ff*

Hn. 1 *ff*

Hn. 3 *ff*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

B. D. *ff*

S. D. *ff*

Cym. *ff*

Perc.

*a growing sense of shame*

*one player*

*pp*

*one player*

*pp*

*ff*

*To Mar.*

*Marimba*

*To Vib.*

*Vibraphone*

*> To Xyl.*

*Xylophone*

*Glockenspiel*

*dinkily*

*pp*

73

Picc.

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2

Ob. 1  
Ob. 2

Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2

Cl. 1  
Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Preview Score, not for performance

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2  
Tpt. 3

Hn. 1  
Hn. 2

Hn. 3  
Hn. 4

Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Mar.

Vib.

Xyl.

Glock.

Picc. *tr*  
 Fl. 1 *p*  
 Fl. 2 *p*  
 Ob. 1 solo  
 Ob. 2 *pp*  
 Bsn. 1 tutti  
 Bsn. 2 *pp*  
 Cl. 1 *clumsily*  
 Cl. 2 *clumsily*  
 Cl. 3 *pp*  
 B. Cl. *pp*  
 Sop. Sax.  
 Alto Sax.  
 Ten. Sax.  
 Bari. Sax.  
 Tpt. 1 *nice job!*  
 Tpt. 2  
 Tpt. 3  
 Hn. 1  
 Hn. 2  
 Hn. 3  
 Hn. 4  
 Tbn. 1  
 Tbn. 2  
 Tbn. 3  
 Euph.  
 Tba.  
 Mar. *pp*  
 Vib. *pp*  
 Xyl. *pp*  
 Glock. *pp* *p*

94

(102) Dogfight

32

22

Picc. -

Fl. 1, 2 -

Ob. 1, 2 *mp* - *keep up the good work!* *tutti*

Bsn. 1, 2 *mp* - *pp* *tutti*

Cl. 1, 2 *mp* -

Cl. 3 *mp* -

B. Cl. *mp* - *pp*

Sop. Sax. -

Alto Sax. *solo* - *keep up the good work!* *tutti*

Ten. Sax. -

Bari. Sax. -

Preview Score, not for performance

keep up the good work!

Tpt. 1 solo *mp*

Tpt. 2 *ff*

Hn. 1 *ff*

Hn. 2 *ff*

Hn. 3 *ff*

Tbn. 1 *ff*

Tbn. 2 *ff*

Tbn. 3 *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tba. *ff*

Mar. To B. D. *mp*

Vib. To S. D. *mp*

Xyl. To Cym. *mp*

Glock. *mp*

Bass Drum *ff*

Snare Drum *ff*

Cymbals *ff*

To Whip *pp*

12 105 2

32

22

Picc. *ff*

Fl. 1 *ff*

Fl. 2 *ff*

Ob. 1 *ff*

Ob. 2 *ff*

Bsn. 1 *ff*

Bsn. 2 *ff*

Cl. 1 *ff*

Cl. 2 *ff*

Cl. 3 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

Sop. Sax. *ff*

Alto Sax. *ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Sax. *ff*

Tpt. 1 *tutti* *ff*

Tpt. 2 *tutti* *ff*

Hn. 1 *ff*

Hn. 2 *ff*

Hn. 3 *ff*

Hn. 4 *ff*

Tbn. 1 *tutti* *ff*

Tbn. 2 *ff*

Tbn. 3 *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tba. *ff*

B. D. *ff*

S. D. *ff*

Rt. *ff*

Perc. *whip* *ff*

all players change to picc. if possible  
(if so, tacit until 119)

tutti

To Glock.

**molto rit.** . . . **a tempo**

**115**

**119** Trio

13

Picc.  
Fl. 1  
Ob. 1  
Bsn. 1  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 3  
B. Cl.  
Sop. Sax.  
Alto Sax.  
Ten. Sax.  
Bari. Sax.

*imprecisely, quasi ad lib. through mm 151*  
*tutti*  
*mf imprecisely, quasi ad lib. through mm 151*  
*tutti*  
*mf*

*tutti*  
*mp tutti*  
*mp*  
*mp*

*Optional doubling of Picc./Fl. line*  
*mf*

Preview Score, not for performance

Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Hn. 1  
Hn. 2  
Hn. 3  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Euph.  
Tba.  
B. D.  
S. D.  
Rt.  
Perc.

*p*  
*p*  
*p*  
*one player*  
*p*  
*one player*  
*solos 3 3*  
*mp pp p*

*To Tam-tam, stay near bass drum*  
*p*  
*mp*  
*To Ratchet*  
*Glockenspiel*

## 125

Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *f*

Ob. 1

Bsn. 1 *mf*

Bsn. 2 *mp*

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mp*

Cl. 3 *mf*

B. Cl.

Sop. Sax. *f*

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1 *clumsily*

Hn. 2 *mp*

Hn. 3 *clumsily*

Hn. 4 *mp*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3 *mp*

Euph. *mf*

Tba. *mp*

*p*

*mp*

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

*mp*

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

*mp*

*B. D.* *Tam-tam*

*Bass drum* *mf*

*Bass drum*

*S. D.* *mp*

*p*

*mp*

*Rt.* *ratchet* *f*

*Glock.* *mf*

*mp*

*mf*

## 133

Musical score for orchestra and woodwind quintet, page 133. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1 & 2, Ob. 1 & 2, Bsn. 1 & 2, Cl. 1 & 2, Cl. 3, B. Cl., Sop. Sax., Alto Sax., Ten. Sax., and Bari. Sax. The instrumentation is primarily woodwind, with brass and percussion providing harmonic support. The woodwind section is prominent, featuring rapid sixteenth-note patterns and sustained notes. Dynamics range from *mf* to *f*.

Preview Score, not for performance

Musical score for brass and percussion, page 133. The score includes parts for Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Hn. 1 & 2, Hn. 3 & 4, Tbn. 1 & 2, Tbn. 3, Euph., Tba., T-t., S. D., Rt., and Glock. The brass section provides harmonic support, while the percussion instruments (T-t., S. D., Rt., Glock.) provide rhythmic drive. The score features dynamic markings such as *p*, *clumsily*, *mf*, and *mp*.

Picc. *ff*

Fl. 1 *ff*

Fl. 2 *ff*

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1 *bfp*

Bsn. 2 *f*

Cl. 1 *bfp*

Cl. 2 *f*

Cl. 3 *f*

B. Cl.

Sop. Sax. *ff*

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1 *mf*

Hn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 3 *mf*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3 *mf*

Euph. *f*

Tba. *mf*

T-t. *f* To Bass drum

S. D. *mf*

Rt. *f* To Crash Cymbals

Glock. *f*

**Preview Score, not for performance**

Bass Drum

crash cymbals

to whip

153      **3**      **2**      **3**      **2**

Preview Score, not for performance

*play like you're trying desperately to find the beat*

*with smug precision*

*play like you have something to prove*

*whip*

*To Sleigh Bells*

161

**TURBO! (♩ = c. 145 or faster)**

*(only the snare player shouts this)*

Picc. *ff*

Fl. 1 *ff*

Fl. 2 *ff*

Ob. 1 *fp* *ff*

Bsn. 1 *ff* tutti

Bsn. 2 *ff*

Cl. 1 *fp* *ff*

Cl. 3 *fp* *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

op. Sax. *fp* *ff*

Alto Sax. *ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Ari. Sax. *ff*

S. D.

Band 'ten hut!

Tpt. 1 *ff*

Tpt. 2 *ff*

Hn. 1 *fp* *ff*

Hn. 3 *fp* *ff*

Tbn. 1 *ff* tutti

Tbn. 3 *ff*

Euph. *fp* *ff*

Tba. *fp* *ff*

S. D.

Band 'ten hut!

B. D.

S. D. *fp* *ff*

Cym. *ff*

Perc. *ff*

shout:  
Band 'ten hut! *f*

imprecisely, quasi ad lib.

*ff* imprecisely, quasi ad lib.

*ff* tutti

*ff*

*clumsily*

*clumsily*

*clumsily*

*clumsily*

*clumsily*

*clumsily*

*play like you can't hear how bad it sounds*

*play like you can't hear how bad it sounds*

*play like you can't hear how bad it sounds*

*pp*

Musical score for orchestra and woodwind quintet. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1 & 2, Ob. 1 & 2, Bsn. 1 & 2, Cl. 1 & 2, Cl. 3, B. Cl., Sop. Sax., Alto Sax., Ten. Sax., and Bari. Sax. The instrumentation is typical of a large-scale symphony or concert band.

Preview Score, not for performance

Musical score for brass section, including Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Hn. 1 & 2, Hn. 3, Tbn. 1 & 2, Tbn. 3, Euph., Tba., B. D., S. D., Cym., and Perc. The score shows a dynamic marking of *ffff*.

## 189

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob. 1  
Bsn. 1  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Cl. 3  
B. Cl.  
Sop. Sax.  
Alto Sax.  
Ten. Sax.  
Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Hn. 1  
Hn. 2  
Hn. 3  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Euph.  
Tba.

B. D.  
S. D.  
Cym.  
Perc.

*Let it rip!*

Picc.  
Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Cl. 3  
B. Cl.  
Sop. Sax.  
Alto Sax.  
Ten. Sax.  
Bari. Sax.

Preview Score, not for performance

Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Hn. 1  
Hn. 2  
Hn. 3  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3  
Euph.  
Tba.  
B. D.  
S. D.  
Cym.  
Perc.

play on the smallest diameter cymbal available, choke immediately

splash cymbal

mp