

Chapter I: Young King Edmon

Just short of a year on the throne, succeeding his deceased father, young Edmon has been wearing the crown as a proud but gracious sovereign, ruling over Verduvia mindful of his people's needs.

For a few months now, he's been in love with a farming girl from a border village. Of course, their romance is a very well kept secret as a relationship with one of his subjects is rather unfitting for a king – not that Edmon would care about that for his affection is fairly passionate.

But something dark lingers at the horizon – little does our young king know what great adventure awaits.

Majestically, with joy (♩ = 96)

Accordions I-IV, Bass, Keyboard I-II, Timpani (3), Percussion

Trumpet

Horn 8vb

Crash with Stick/Clash Cymbals

sempre 8va

mf

f

pp

ff

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1. | 2.

Acc. I

Acc. II *mp*

Acc. III

Acc. IV

Bass

Keyb. I *mp* Oboe

Keyb. II

Timp. *tr*

Perc.

12 Tenderly, dreamily with love ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$) *ad lib. divisi*

Acc. I *mf*

Acc. II

Acc. III *p*

Acc. IV *pp* *p* *pp* *p*

Bass *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

Keyb. I

Keyb. II *mf* Flute &va

Timp. *mp* Triangle

Perc. *p*

19 **D.S. al Coda**
senza ripet.

Acc. I *f*
Acc. II *f* *ff*
Acc. III *f*
Acc. IV *mf* *f*
Bass *f*
Keyb. I *ff* **Trumpet**
Keyb. II *f*
Timp. *mf*
Perc.

25 **Flute 8va** *molto ritard.* *loco*

Acc. I *mf* *ff* *loco*
Acc. II *ff*
Acc. III *ff*
Acc. IV *ff*
Bass *ff*
Keyb. I *mf* *ff* **Flute 8va**
Keyb. II *ff*
Timp. *trumpet*
Perc.

Chapter II: A Shadow over the Land

The Black Bane, the many centuries old scourge of the land,
slowly seeps into Verduvia from the Dire Marsh to the south,
led by the evil Dragon Lord Mol'uthar who blights the soil with each step he takes,
malice dominating his mind and his grotesque minions in his wake.

Visiting his sweetheart's village, Edmon approaches noticing the decay all around him
and worriedly seeks out his beloved only to find her sick and bedridden,
already infected with the Black Bane plague.

Attacked and bitten by a darkling she was, while working the field, she tells him painfully
and eventually dies right there in his arms.

Rage over the loss of his love boils in our young king and he screams in agony over his broken heart –
then, subdued, he sobs in resignation, only to finally pull himself together
and swear vengeance on the enemy that is desecrating his kingdom.

Mysteriously, with gravity ($\text{♩} = 58$)

Acc. I

Acc. II

Acc. III

Acc. IV

Bass

Keyb. I

Keyb. II

Timp.

Perc.

Vibraphone 8va

pp

p

(2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)

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9

Acc. I *poco string.*

Acc. II *p* *pp* *mf*

Acc. III *mf*

Acc. IV *mf*

Bass (9) (10) *mf*

Keyb. I *p*

Keyb. II

Timp. (9) (10) *mf*

Perc. *pp* *mf*

Snare Drum

15

With maliciously evil intent (♩ = 72)

Acc. I *ff* *mf* *ff dim.* *mf*

Acc. II *mf* *ff dim.* *mf*

Acc. III *ff*

Acc. IV *ff*

Bass *ff*

Keyb. I *ff* *Trombone &yb*

Keyb. II *ff* *Horn &yb*

Timp. *ff*

Perc. *ff* *Crash with Stick*