

Presents

DOOZY

ARRANGED BY BENNY CARTER

EDITED BY JEFFREY SULTANOF AND ROB DUBOFF

FULL SCORE

FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT

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Background:

Benny Carter was and continues to be a jazz legend. Active from the 1920s until his death in 2003, he was a true pioneer as a saxophonist, trumpet player, and composer/arranger. Perhaps because Carter spent many years as a composer for film and television in Los Angeles and out of the jazz scene, he is not as well known as others who were present and influential during jazz's formative years, such as Duke Ellington, Earl Hines, and Count Basie. It was Carter who advised a young Robert Farnon how to create a full score, and Benny also mentored trombonist J.J. Johnson.

Carter's considerable catalog is now being properly published by The Jazz Lines Foundation Inc. Because Carter is not as well known as Ellington or Basie, it is possible that many band directors are passing up the opportunity to play and expose young people to this wonderful and classic music. While the many scores that we publish by Gil Evans, Mary LouWilliams, Duke Pearson, and others may be too difficult, there are many titles by Benny that most bands can play. Even though it was written for professionals, much of his music is playable by middle-school bands. The melodies are infectious and the chord changes interesting to play on. This is the perfect teaching material that is also solid musically and has delighted audiences for years.



The Music:

Doozy appears on both Further Definitions and Additions to Further Definitions, both recorded for Impulse Records. Carter first arranged it for big band for the Louis Bellson Orchestra in 1962. He revised it in 1987 and it was recorded on Carter's Central City Sketches album.

Notes to the Conductor:

This straight-ahead blues can be played slower than the indicated tempo, and is once again a perfect candidate for a middle-school jazz ensemble concert, giving plenty of opportunity for students to solo on the blues. Please note that although this seems like it is a 12-bar blues (with an 8-bar bridge), the chord for this first 3 measures of the A sections is F6. For the solos F7 may be substituted at your discretion.

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