

# THE PEARLS

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## INSTRUMENTATION

Alto Sax  
Clarinet/Tenor Sax  
Trumpet  
Trombone  
Guitar  
Piano  
Tuba  
Drums

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Medium New Orleans Swing ♩ = 151

Alto Sax

Reed 1

2

Clarinet

*mf*

Trumpet

*mf*

Trombone

*mf*

Guitar

*mf*

G Eb7 D D7+5

Piano

*mf* *8vb sempre*

G Eb7 D D7+5

Tuba

*mf*

Sticks

*mf*

**A**

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral layout. It begins with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. The score is divided into eight measures. The Alto and Tenor Sax parts play a simple harmonic line of quarter notes. The Clarinet part enters in the eighth measure with a melodic line. The Tpt part plays a more complex melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Tbn part plays a steady bass line of quarter notes. The Gtr. and Piano parts provide harmonic support with chords and rhythmic patterns. The Tuba part plays a steady bass line of quarter notes. The Drums part provides a steady rhythm with a pattern of quarter notes and rests.

Alto

Ten. Sax

Clarinet

Tpt

Tbn

Gtr.

Piano

Tuba

Drums

G Eb<sup>7</sup> G Eb<sup>7</sup> G E<sup>7</sup> Am A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>

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**B**

This musical score is for the piece "The Pearls" and is labeled as section "B". It is arranged for a jazz ensemble consisting of Alto, Tenor Sax, Trumpet (Tpt), Trombone (Tbn), Guitar (Gtr.), Piano, Tuba, and Drums. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The Alto and Tenor Sax parts play a simple harmonic melody. The Trumpet part features a more complex melodic line with a triplet in the third measure. The Trombone part provides a steady harmonic accompaniment. The Guitar and Piano parts play a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, with the Piano part also providing harmonic support. The Tuba part plays a simple bass line. The Drums part features a steady backbeat.

Alto

Tenor Sax

Tpt

Tbn

Gtr.

Piano

Tuba

Drums

Chord progression: G Eb7 G Eb7 G E7 Am G D7 G