

More About A LITTLE BARTOK SUITE

I have always loved the music of Béla Bartók and thought his music doesn't get the attention it deserves in school music programs. So in 1970, while I was teaching at my first job in a small school in rural Iowa, I decided to do something about it and arrange some of his music for my students to play at contest. So I went to his first book of **Piano Pieces for Children** and picked out 5 that I thought would sound good arranged for brass quintet. The result was **A Little Bartók Suite**. The kids loved it, and they sounded great playing it. In 1974, it became my very first trade publication. That edition has now been out-of-print for many years, but I have re-acquired the rights, revised it, and am now making it available again via my Dacker Music imprint.

Decades later, in 2020, in order to make it available to a wider selection of student musicians, I transcribed it for woodwind quintet.