

# The Gospel Train

(American Spiritual, arr. Gavin Whitehouse)



# American Instrumental Ensemble Series

Full Score



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Approximate Duration: 2:00



Demonstration Recording







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#### **Program Note**

This fun arrangement is based on the traditional African-American Spiritual of the same name. The song is an invitation for all to join in the experience of salvation in Christ, as can be seen in this first verse:

The gospel train is coming,
I hear it just at hand.
I hear the car wheels moving
And rumbling thro' the land.
Get on board, little children,
For there's room for many a more!

#### Note to the Conductor

The slow tempo and the *accelerando* at the beginning of this piece symbolizes a train gradually gaining speed. A young band should have fun with this image, but make sure this is measured and does not get too fast too quickly. The articulation of a *staccato* quarter note followed by two slurred quarter notes is repeated throughout the piece and will be very effective if introduced early to the group.

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