

## Challenging Jazz Duets Volume 3

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Challenging Jazz Duets - Volume 3 is a set of 5 jazz duets for players of multiple combinations of instruments. The purpose of these duets is to provide players challenging jazz duets based on the chord changes to standard jazz tunes. These are not beginning jazz duets. The titles of these duets are an obvious allusion to the titles of the standard jazz tunes. Volume 3 contains the following duets with their respective jazz standard titles: 1) "Take Me To the Moon" (Fly Me To the Moon), 2) "Carnival Sunrise" (Black Orpheus), 3) "Gently Like the Morning Sun" (Softly As In a Morning Sunrise), 4) "Hello Redbird" (Bye Bye Blackbird), 5) "Bb Blues Madness" (standard concert Bb blues with reference to Tenor Madness). The tempos of the duets were selected to match the tempos used on the jazz standards found on the website [jazzstandards.com](http://jazzstandards.com); however, players are welcome to play these duets at any tempo (faster or slower) they feel comfortable playing.

Players may wish to explore practicing these duets with other play-along options, including Band-in-a-Box or iReal Pro, where tempos may be altered to suit the players practice needs. Band directors may wish to use these duets to feature two of their students during a jazz concert program, including the incorporation of a featured duet during the open improvisation solo section of a jazz chart with the same chord changes.

This is part of an interchangeable series to accommodate performance with any combination of instruments.

*Available for the following instruments:*

Flutes  
Clarinets  
Eb Saxophones  
Bb Saxophones  
Trumpets  
F Horns - stand alone version (cannot be combined with others)  
Trombones  
Tubas

Dr. Richard Byrd is Professor of Theory and Composition at Eastern Kentucky University and trumpeter with the EKU Faculty Brass Quintet. After receiving his Bachelor's degree in trumpet performance at DePauw University, Byrd earned his Master and Ph.D. degrees in music theory from the University of Kentucky.

Various organizations have commissioned Byrd to compose or arrange music specifically for their group or special event including the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, the Kentucky Music Teachers Association, the Great American Brass Band Festival, Commonwealth Clarinet Quartet, Eastern Kentucky University Faculty Brass Quintet, and several school band programs. His works have been performed at several international, national, and regional events including the International Trumpet Guild Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan; National Trumpet Competition in Arlington, Virginia and Lexington, Kentucky; Exploring Trumpet Music Festival in Kalavrita, Greece; Blekinge International Brass Academy in Karlskrona, Sweden; 6th Annual DIA T Trombone Festival in Recife, Brazil; South Texas Trumpet Workshop in Kingsville, Texas; Eastern Trombone Workshop in Fort Meyer, Virginia; International Clarinet Association Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska; National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors National Conference in Gainesville, Florida; Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky; Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts in Lexington, Kentucky; Kentucky Composers Invitation Concert & New Music Festival in Lexington, Kentucky; Society of Composers, Inc. Region IV Conference in Richmond, Kentucky; Great American Brass Band Festival in Danville, Kentucky; and numerous collegiate chamber music programs across the county.

As a trumpet performer, Byrd's classical experiences include performing with the Indianapolis Symphony, West Virginia, and Lexington Philharmonic Orchestras. During his tenure with the Lexington Brass Band he was a featured soloist during the band's England tour in 2000. Byrd has performed with several prominent jazz artists including Doc Severinsen, Allen Vizzutti, Maynard Ferguson, Jens Lindemann, Byron Stripling, Louie Bellson, Bob Mintzer, Wycliffe Gordon, Victor Wooten, Take 6, and the Manhattan Transfer, and in shows with Aretha Franklin, Robert Goulet, Rosemary Clooney, Lou Rawls, Carol Channing, Cathy Rigby, Temptations, Mannheim Steamroller, and the Ringling Brothers Circus. His lead trumpet abilities with the DiMartino/Osland Jazz Orchestra are showcased on their CDs entitled *Quintet* and *Off the Charts*, with Wycliffe Gordon's Grammy nominated CD *Somebody New*, and with The Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra on

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## VOLUME 3

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### TAKE ME TO THE MOON

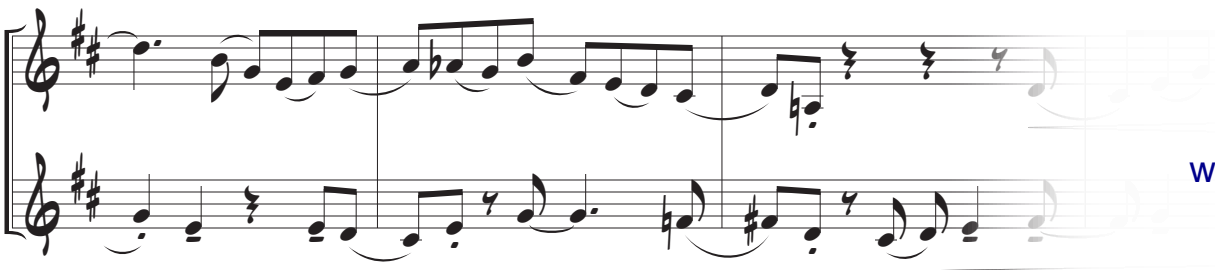
MEDIUM SWING ♩ = 144

8b TRUMPET 1

8b TRUMPET 2

The musical score is written for two Bb trumpets in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked as 'MEDIUM SWING' with a quarter note equal to 144 beats per minute. The score is divided into several systems. The first system shows the initial melody for both trumpets, with dynamics markings of *mf*. The second system continues the melody, with dynamics of *mf* and *mp*. The third system features a section labeled 'A' in a box, with dynamics of *mf* and *mp*. The fourth system continues with dynamics of *p*. The fifth system shows the final part of the piece with dynamics of *p*. A large 'PREVIEW' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the center of the page.

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First system of musical notation, consisting of two staves. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The music features a melody in the upper staff and a supporting bass line in the lower staff.

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Second system of musical notation, consisting of two staves. It begins with a box containing the number '8'. The music continues with a melody and bass line, including dynamic markings such as *mf*.



Third system of musical notation, consisting of two staves. The melody and bass line continue, with dynamic markings like *mf* and *f*.



Fourth system of musical notation, consisting of two staves. The musical notation continues with various rhythmic patterns and dynamics.



Fifth system of musical notation, consisting of two staves. It includes a box with the number '9' above the second measure. The music features complex rhythmic figures and dynamics.



Sixth system of musical notation, consisting of two staves. The final system on the page, showing the continuation of the melody and bass line.