

# Circe's Curse

*Sample*

*by*

John Meehan

*Grade: 5 Duration: 4'20"*

## Instrumentation

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 – Conductor Score    | 2 – Horn in F 1               |
| 2 – Piccolo            | 2 – Horn in F 2               |
| 10 – Flute             | 3 – Trombone 1                |
| 2 – Oboe               | 3 – Trombone 2                |
| 2 – Bassoon            | 3 – Trombone 3                |
| 2 – Eb Clarinet 1      | 2 – Euphonium B.C. (+ 2 T.C.) |
| 3 – Bb Clarinet 1      | 4 – Tuba                      |
| 3 – Bb Clarinet 2      | 1 – Timpani                   |
| 4 – Bb Clarinet 3      | 2 – Percussion 1              |
| 2 – Bass Clarinet      | 2 – Percussion 2              |
| 4 – Alto Saxophone     | 2 – Percussion 3              |
| 2 – Tenor Saxophone    | 2 – Mallets 1                 |
| 2 – Baritone Saxophone | 2 – Mallets 2                 |
| 3 – Trumpet 1          | 2 – Mallets 3                 |
| 3 – Trumpet 2          |                               |
| 3 – Trumpet 3          |                               |

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*The Tangled Love Story of Glaucus And Scylla*

*Commissioned by Leigh High School*

*Chris Nalls, Director of Bands*

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## The Story:

Glaucus, a fisherman turned into a water God after ingesting a magical herb, falls in love with Scylla, one of the most famous of all water nymphs. Rejected on numerous occasions, Glaucus decides to seek the help of the enchantress Circe to help him win over the reluctant Scylla. Having her own desires for Glaucus, Circe denies his request and turns her wrath against Scylla. Putting together a poisonous mixture of plants, incantations and charms, Circe deposits them into the bay where Scylla bathes and transforms the once beautiful water nymph into a gruesome sea monster.

## From the composer:

I have always been a fan of Greek mythology, and while I don't know as much about it as I would like (or should), I do have several favorite tales. When asked by Leigh High School band director Chris Nalls if I would be interested in doing a commissioned work for his wind ensemble, I immediately said that I would and began thinking of possible themes for the project. Falling back on my fondness for Greek mythology, I suggested the story of Glaucus and his tainted love for Scylla. After doing extensive research on the story, we both agreed that this was the right direction and work should begin right away. The above story is my abbreviated version of the famous Greek myth and any errors are purely my own.

I would like to thank Chris Nalls for giving me this opportunity as well as Vinnie Angelo for his valuable assistance during the writing of this piece.

Circe's Curse is dedicated to my six most inspirational women: Jackie, Ashley, Katelyn, Madison, Edie and most importantly Alexandra Panos Booth (or better known as Yia-Yia).

~John Meehan

## John Meehan

December 2, 1970



John Meehan is the Brass Caption Head and Arranger for the 18-time Drum Corps International Champion Blue Devils Drum & Bugle Corps. Within the Blue Devils organization, John also serves as the Music Director and Arranger for the 'B' and 'C' Corps programs since 1999. First joining the brass staff of The Blue Devils in 1994, John has helped the 'A' Corps win 12 D.C.I. Championships and 12 Jim Ott High Brass Awards.

John has been composing and arranging for marching bands and drum corps since 1992. Current clients include Lowndes High School (GA), Allen High School (TX), American Fork High School (UT), Clements High School (TX), Eden Prairie High School (MN), Homestead High School (CA), the Kidsgrove Scouts Drum & Bugle Corps (England) and the Yokohama Scouts Drum & Bugle Corps (Japan). Past clients include Ayala High School (CA), James Logan High School (CA), McQueen High School (NV), and the Pacific Crest Drum & Bugle Corps. Through the years, John's clients have won numerous State marching band titles, as well as Bands of America Regionals, and been finalists at the Bands of American Grand National Championships.

Some of John's "non-pageantry" writing includes composing music for the album "The Music of WYLAND" (internationally known marine life artist), scoring the film "Mind Games", scoring a scene for the short film "Fleur", writing two spots for Kaiser Permanente, and being commissioned to compose several wind ensemble pieces.

Notable career achievements include lead designer for both the System Blue and King marching brass instrument series, development and production for the Sample Logic and System Blue sound libraries (including Fanfare and V.E.T.), and performing on the movie soundtrack "Monsters University" as a percussionist.

John exclusively uses Sibelius.

John lives in California with his wife Jackie, their 3 daughters, and two rescue dogs.

# Circe's Curse

John Meehan  
ASCAP

*J = 60*

Piccolo

Flute solo *mf* *f* *ff* *mf* *f*

Oboe

Bassoon

E♭ Clarinet

B♭ Clarinet 1 *mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *mf*

B♭ Clarinet 2 *mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *mf*

Bass Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1 *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

B♭ Trumpet 2 *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

F Horn 1 *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

F Horn 2 *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani *F, B♭, C, G* *soft mallets*

Percussion 1 Gong, Concert Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Bell Tree *gong scrape with tri. beater* *f* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Percussion 2 Bell Tree, Gong, Concert Bass Drum, Tambourine, Suspended Cymbal *bell tree* *f* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Percussion 3 Triangle, Tambourine, Concert Bass Drum, Crash Cymbals, Xylophone *triangle (thick beater)* *f*

Mallets 1 Wind Chimes, Bells, Xylophone, Piano, Suspended Cymbal *wind chimes* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Mallets 2 Marimba, Suspended Cymbal *soft mallets* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Mallets 3 Vibraphone, Crash Cymbals, Concert Bass Drum, Suspended Cymbal *med. mallets* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Piano (in Mallets 1 part)

*J = 75*

7 *accel.* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

8 rit. 9  $\text{♩} = 165$  10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Picc. Fl. Ob. Bsn. Eb Cl. Cl. 1 Cl. 2 B. Cl. A. Sx. T. Sx. B. Sx.

Tpt. 1 Tpt. 2 Hn. 1 Hn. 2 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 Euph. Tuba Timp.

Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3 Mlts. 1 Mlts. 2 Mlts. 3

bell tree  $\text{f}$  snare  $\text{p}$  concert bass drum  $\text{mf}$

concert bass drum  $\text{mf}$

xylo.  $\text{f}$

crash cymbals  $\text{mf}$

(8)-----!





33

Picc. ***ff***

Fl. ***ff***

Ob. ***ff***

Bsn. ***ff***

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1 ***ff***

Cl. 2 ***ff***

B. Cl. ***ff***

A. Sx. ***ff***

T. Sx.

B. Sx. ***ff***

Tpt. 1 ***ff***

Tpt. 2 ***ff***

Hn. 1 ***ff***

Hn. 2 ***ff***

Tbn. 1 ***ff***

Tbn. 2 ***ff***

Euph.

Tuba ***ff***

Tim. tambourine (shake roll) ***ff***

C to D♭ ***ff***

Perc. 1 stick shot ***p*** ***f***

Perc. 2 ***f***

Perc. 3 ***f***

Perc. 1 gong scrape with tri. beater ***f***

Perc. 2 bell tree ***f***

Perc. 3 triangle ***f***

Mlt. 1 wind chimes ***ff***

Mlt. 2 soft mallets ***ff***

Mlt. 3 soft mallets ***ff***

34

35

36 tr. ***ff***

37

38

39

40

41

42

43 44 **45** 46 47 48 49 50 51

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2 8vb

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1 solo

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1 tutti div.

Hn. 2 div.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1 gong scrape with tri. beater

Perc. 2 sus. cym.

Perc. 3 bell tree

thumb roll

shake

Mts. 1

Mts. 2

Mts. 3





Picc. 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75

Fl.

Ob. f + ff

Bsn.

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2

Mlts. 3

div.

unis.

crash cymbals

to timpani

soft mallets

F to E♭

snares off

med. mallets

soft mallets

76 Picc. Fl. Ob. Bsn. Eb Cl. Cl. 1 Cl. 2 B. Cl. A. Sx. T. Sx. B. Sx.

77

78 tr~~~~~

79

80

81

Tpt. 1 Tpt. 2 Tpt. 3

Hn. 1 Hn. 2

Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 Tbn. 3

Euph. Tuba

Timpani

Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3

Mlts. 1 Mlts. 2 Mlts. 3

82 Picc. 83 84 85 86 87 88 89

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2

Mlts. 3

90

Picc. —

Fl. —

Ob. —

Bsn. —

E♭ Cl. —

Cl. 1 —

Cl. 2 —

B. Cl. —

A. Sx. —

T. Sx. —

B. Sx. —

Tpt. 1 —

Tpt. 2 —

Hn. 1 —

Hn. 2 —

Tbn. 1 —

Tbn. 2 —

Euph. —

Tuba —

Timp. (F, C, D, G) —

Perc. 1 —

Perc. 2 —

Perc. 3 —

Mlts. 1 —

Mlts. 2 —

Mlts. 3 —

98 Picc. -

99 Fl. tr. -

100 Bsn. f

101 E♭ Cl. ff

102 Cl. 1 ff

103 Cl. 2 ff

104 a2 ff

A. Sx. ff

T. Sx. ff

B. Sx. ff

Tpt. 1 mute out ff

Tpt. 2 mute out ff

Hn. 1 ff

Hn. 2 ff

Tbn. 1 ff

Tbn. 2 ff

Euph. ff

Tuba ff

Timpani ff

Perc. 1 ff

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 crash cym. ff

Mlts. 1 to piano

Mlts. 2 ff

Mlts. 3 ff

105                    106                    107                    108

Picc. -

Fl. -

Ob. -

Bsn. -

E♭ Cl. -

Cl. 1 -

Cl. 2 -

B. Cl. -

A. Sx. -

T. Sx. -

B. Sx. -

Tpt. 1 -

Tpt. 2 -

Hn. 1 -

Hn. 2 -

Tbn. 1 -

Tbn. 2 -

Euph. -

Tuba -

Timp. -

Perc. 1 -

Perc. 2 -

Perc. 3 -

Mts. 1 -

Mts. 2 -

Mts. 3 -

Piano (Mts. 1) -

109

110

111

112

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timpani

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 xylo.

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2

Mlts. 3

Piano (Mlts. 1)

\* PROGRAM NOTE:  
Wherever an instrument has rests between measures 114 and 128, the performer should vocalize "shh" at varying durations as well as different dynamic and intensity levels. Downbeat 1 of measure 114 should have a unison fortissimo "shh" with an immediate diminuendo

113

114 \* (see program note) accel. (84 bpm)

115 116 117 118 (102 bpm)

Picc.

Fl. 3 3

Ob. (f)

Bsn. f

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1 mf

Cl. 2 a2

Cl. 3 mf

B. Cl. mf

A. Sx.

T. Sx. (f)

B. Sx. mf

Tpt. 1 114 accel.

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1 mf

Hn. 2 mf

Tbn. 1 f 3

Tbn. 2 mf

Euph.

Tuba mf

Timp. G to F; F to G (G, C, E, F) mf

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 mf

Perc. 3

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2 6 6 sus. crash

Mlts. 3 3 3 med. hard mallets

Piano (Mlts. 1) 6 6 to xylo.

(116 bpm) (132 bpm) (150 bpm)

119 120 121 122 123 124

Picc. Fl. Ob. Bsn. Eb Cl. Cl. 1 Cl. 2 B. Cl. A. Sx. T. Sx. B. Sx. Tpt. 1 Tpt. 2 Tpt. 3 Hn. 1 Hn. 2 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 Tbn. 3 Euph. Tuba Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3 Mlts. 1 Mlts. 2 Mlts. 3

straight mute

*f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

*f* sus crash *f* hard mallets

125  
126 = 165  
127  
128  
129  
130

Picc.  
Fl.  
Ob.  
Bsn.  
E♭ Cl.  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sx.  
T. Sx.  
B. Sx.

Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Tpt. 3

Hn. 1  
Hn. 2

Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Tbn. 3

Euph.  
Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

Mlts. 1  
Mlts. 2  
Mlts. 3

to G<sub>b</sub>, B<sub>b</sub>, C, (D<sub>b</sub>)

xylo.

sus crash

This page of the musical score contains six systems of music, each with multiple staves for different instruments. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Fl., Ob., Bsn., Eb Cl., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, B. Cl., A. Sx., T. Sx., B. Sx., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Euph., Tuba, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, Mlts. 1, Mlts. 2, and Mlts. 3. The score is numbered from 131 to 137. Measure 131 starts with a rest for Picc. and Fl. followed by a dynamic ff. Measures 132-133 show various entries for Ob., Bsn., Eb Cl., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, B. Cl., A. Sx., T. Sx., B. Sx., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Euph., Tuba, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, and Perc. 3. Measure 134 begins with a dynamic f. Measures 135-136 feature complex patterns for Picc., Fl., Ob., Bsn., Eb Cl., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, B. Cl., A. Sx., T. Sx., B. Sx., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Euph., Tuba, Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, and Perc. 3. Measure 137 concludes with a dynamic ff.

138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145

Picc. *f*

Fl. *f*

Ob.

Bsn. *f* *fp*

E♭ Cl. *f*

Cl. 1

Cl. 2 *f*

B. Cl. *f* *fp*

A. Sx. *f*

T. Sx. *f* *fp*

B. Sx. *f* *fp*

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpt. 2 *f* *fp*

Tpt. 3 *f* *fp*

Hn. 1 *f* unis.

Hn. 2 *f* div.

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

Timp. *f* *fp* B♭ to B♭ pedal *fp*

Perc. 1 *fp*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Mlts. 1

Mlts. 2

Mlts. 3