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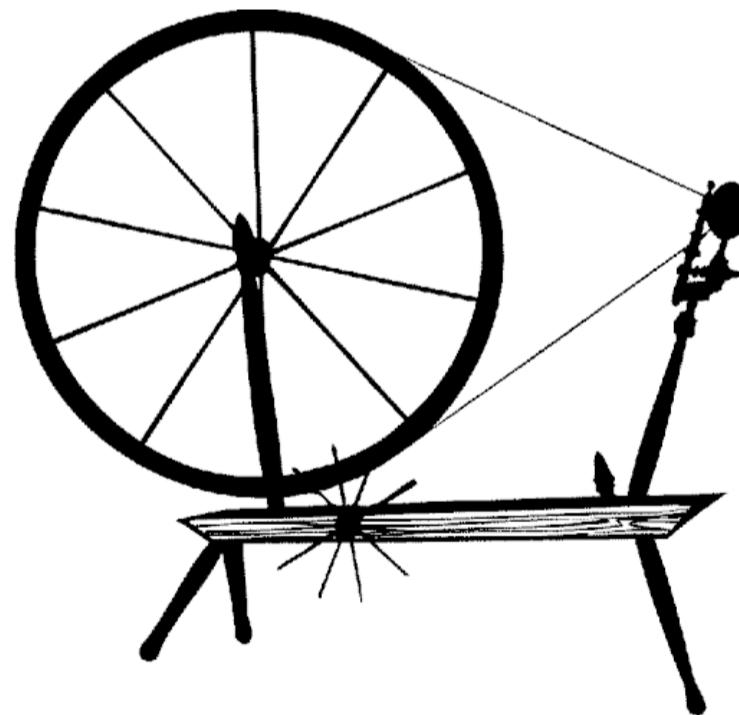
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A-Level Composition

# Scenes from Sleeping Beauty



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# INSTRUMENTATION

Flute	Percussion 2
Oboe	Tam-Tam (T-T)
Clarinet	Thunder-sheet (T.S.)
Bassoon	Xylophone (Xyl.)
French Horn	Triangle (Tri.)
Trumpet	Glockenspiel (Glock.)
Trombone	Piano
Tuba	
Timpani	Violin I
Percussion 1	Violin II
Crash Cymbal (Cr. Cym.)	Viola
Snare Drum S.D.	Violoncello
Suspended Cymbal (Sus. Cym.)	Contrabass
Xylophone (Xyl.)	
Tam-Tam (T-T)	
Tubular Bells (T.B.)	

Duration: 00:05:59:11

## Performance Notes:

The thundersheet used from bars 27-30 can, if resources are limited, be replaced by a large bass drum.

Whilst one of each woodwind and brass instrument will suffice, the strings require a large number of players per part. It is suggested they play in a 6-6-4-2-2 sized ensemble.

# PREFACE

This is a piece of film music that underscores scenes from a U-rated animated adaptation of ‘Sleeping Beauty’. Inspiration has been taken from Alan Menken’s score for ‘Beauty and the Beast’ and Richard Strauss’ ‘Alpine Symphony.’

There are two main themes- the ‘Sleeping Beauty’ theme, and the ‘Danger Theme.’ There are also themes for less important characters, such as the King and Queen. Written in C major, the ‘Sleeping Beauty’ (S.B.) theme represents S.B. and is used as a main theme for the film.

The ‘Danger’ theme describes a sense of danger. It is comprised of eight crotchets, and is in E Phrygian, which helps to create a sense of uncertainty.

To make the themes memorable, the implied harmony of the two themes is fairly simple; the music of fairy-tale films often becomes an important part of the film’s brand. Each theme is developed harmonically throughout, however, for example at bar 9, the ‘S.B.’ theme is modified to allow for a modulation to G, or at bar 30, where the ‘Danger’ theme is re-harmonised in G mixolydian.

The piece’s tonic is C. It modulates to various keys, for example G, Db and E as the piece progresses, mostly using 6<sup>ths</sup> (bar 128) and V<sup>(7)</sup>s (bar 107). Diminished 7<sup>ths</sup> are also used: see bar 28.

The rhythmic simplicity of the themes allows for easy development. The ‘Danger’ theme is used in 5/8 and then 7/8 at bar 110. The ‘S.B.’ theme is metrically modulated to a 6/8 jig in ‘The Banquet’.

This composition is scored for a medium sized orchestra, ensuring the preservation of the classic ‘Hollywood’ sound, and enabling the score to be reduced to a stage version, similarly to how Beauty and the Beast was reduced for Broadway. Instrumentation plays a key role in defining mood, like in ‘Cursed,’ when S.B. meets the old lady and the ‘Danger’ theme is played on a glockenspiel. Its bell-like nature evokes a sense of magic and mystery, whilst still portraying a sense of danger.

Performing forces have been selected depending on the key the music is in- the second half of ‘The Miracle’ is in D major, a key sympathetic strings and piano. Moving to Db major in ‘The Banquet’ makes it let the brass to take over from the strings and woodwinds.

In Strauss’ ‘Alpine Symphony,’ at climactic moments the strings could be buried by the large brass/woodwind sections. To prevent this, Strauss instructs the violins to play the melody with tremolo, helping to distinguish the string line from the rest of the orchestra. The broad crotchets of the ‘Danger Theme’ provide the perfect platform for this device, as can be seen at the end of the Overture, where it has the added advantage of contributing to the unsettled texture.

## 'Scenes from Sleeping Beauty'

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**'Overture':**  
Film titles shown on screen

The flute, trumpet, piano and high strings here play the S.B. theme. It outlines a C major triad then adds a sense of drive by moving to an F major chord

andante e regale  $\text{♩} = 60$ 

Markers

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B♭

Bassoon

Horn in F

Trumpet in B♭

Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion

Piano

Violin

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

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The 'camera' starts to pan into a town, shown at the heart of a great kingdom. *The S.B. Theme is played in the dominant key of G major*

This page of a musical score displays a complex arrangement of instruments across ten staves. The instruments include HP (Horn), Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Double Bass (Tba.), Timpani (Timp.), Percussion (Perc.), Piano (Pno.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Vc.), and Double Bass (Cbs.). The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Dynamics are indicated by text labels such as *f* (fortissimo), *sfz* (soft dynamic with a sharp accent), *fp* (fortissimo piano), *ff* (fortississimo), *cresc.* (crescendo), *8va* (octave up), and *Glock.* (glockenspiel). Performance instructions like "3" for triplets and "T-T" for tenuto are also present. The piano part features a dynamic transition from *fp* to *ff* over a eighth-note bass line. The percussion section includes soft cymbal strikes and glockenspiel entries. The woodwind section provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The brass section contributes powerful chords and sustained notes. The strings provide harmonic richness and rhythmic drive throughout the piece.

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*The first three notes of this quaver figure suggest the Queen's theme.*

The 'camera' goes through a set of doors to a palace and shows the king and queen. *This is the King's theme*

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The narrator begins to speak, describing  
the story of Sleeping Beauty.

*The muted trumpet  
here plays fragments  
of the Danger theme*

*Xylophone plays  
fragments of the  
Queen's theme*

**Instrumentation:** HP, Fl., Ob., Cl., Bsn., Hn., Tpt., Tbn., Tba., Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Pno., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., Cb.

**Musical Elements:** Dynamics (e.g., *f*, *ff*, *con sord.*, *rit.*), Articulations (e.g., slurs, grace notes), Performance Instructions (e.g., *Xyl.*), Measure Numbers (e.g., 20, 21, 22, 23, 24).

**Textual Annotations:** The first annotation is in a box at the top left: "The narrator begins to speak, describing the story of Sleeping Beauty." The second annotation is in a box at the top center: "The muted trumpet here plays fragments of the Danger theme." The third annotation is in a box at the top right: "Xylophone plays fragments of the Queen's theme."

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The Narrator describes the grave (but as yet unknown) danger that Sleeping Beauty will fall into. *The Danger theme is here played across several instruments; violin II has it throughout. It is in E phrygian and is over an A pedal.*

*The french horn plays the first four notes of the Danger theme in the Lydian mode*

J=80

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## 'The Miracle':

The Queen is washing in a river, wishing for a child that she fears she will never get.  
*The Queen's theme is again played.*

A magical frog tells her that she will have a daughter. *The Danger theme is played in a subtle Mixolydian form to represent the danger faced by the child. The bassoon, clarinet and muted brass instruments represent the frog.*

*The Queen's theme is again played.*

**adagio** ♩=65

HP x x x

**3**

Fl. pp

Ob. pp

Cl. pp

Bsn. pp fp

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

**4**

flz. p

p bell up f

cup mute 3 p cup mute

**3**

Perc. Xyl. pp

Pno.

Vln. pp

Vla. pp pizz.

Vc. pp pizz.

Cb. mp sim. 3

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*A variation on the Queen's theme  
is played*

poco rit.

HP

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp* norm.

Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Hn. *p*

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1  
2

Pno.

Vln. 1  
2

Vla.

Vc.

Cb. *p*

**3**

**4**

**3**

**4**

Glock.  
*mp*

sim.  
sim.

*mp* arco

*p*

*p* arco

*p*

*mp* arco

**4**

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*A short linking passage as the scene changes to the castle*

The Queen has given birth, and the King and Queen are seen rejoiced to have a child. *The Sleeping Beauty theme is again played by a solo string section and piano*

J=100

rit.

a tempo

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Close up of King, Queen and baby. *The King's theme is again played with suggestions of the Queen's theme in the trombone, cellos and timpani to decorate the cadence.*

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**'The Banquet':**

The scene changes to outside the castle, and the 'camera' moves into a large banquet hall, outside which children are merrily playing to celebrate the birth. *The Sleeping Beauty theme is played as a light fugue by the woodwinds and later by the strings*

$\text{♩} = 96$  energetically

HP

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

$\text{♩} = 96$  energetically

**6**

**000**

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The scene changes to the kitchen of the castle, where chefs are hurriedly assembling a feast for the couple and their guests.

The music becomes more comical as the film shows the waiters struggling with precariously balanced platters of food to bring out onto the table.

This musical score page contains two staves of music for a symphony orchestra. The top staff consists of ten measures, starting with a dynamic of *HP* (Harp) and continuing with woodwind entries (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon) followed by brass entries (Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba). Measures 11 and 12 feature sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The bottom staff begins with a dynamic of *mf* (measures 11-12) and continues with string entries (Violin, Viola, Cello) playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 13 and 14 show sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

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The 'camera' moves up the dining hall to the high table

A toast is made to the King and Queen, and the hall erupts into applause to celebrate their long awaited achievement. *The King's theme is played with fragments of the Queen's theme underneath (see oboe or violin II).*

The 12 invited fairies begin to cast their magic spells as gifts to the baby.

**♩=96 rit. . . . a tempo**

**meno mosso** ♩.=95

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The evil fairy bursts into the banquet hall and places a curse on the child. *The Danger theme is again played.*

**molto rit.**

J.=112 in 1

A page from a musical score featuring a dense arrangement of instruments. The top section includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Double Bass (Tba.), Timpani (Timp.), and Percussion (Perc.). The middle section includes Piano (Pno.) and strings (Vln., Vla., Vc., Cb.). The bottom section includes Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Vc.), and Double Bass (Cb.). The score is set against a background of vertical bar lines and measures. Various dynamics are indicated throughout, such as **ff** (fortissimo), **tr** (trill), **sfz** (soft dynamic with a sharp accent), **mf** (mezzo-forte), **ff<sub>8va</sub>** (fortissimo on the eighth octave), **Glock.** (glockenspiel), **Cr. Cym.** (crash cymbal), and **T-T** (timpani). Specific performance instructions like "arco." and "mp" (mezzo-piano) are also present.

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**'Cursed':**  
The Narrator tells the audience that time is passing by, and the King forbade anyone from telling the child the danger she faced. *This is another link section, although less animated than before due to the nature of the scene.*

in 2

rit.

$\text{J}=80$

HP

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*mf*

*mp tranquillo*

*mp tranquillo*

*mp tranquillo*

*mp tranquillo*

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The princess is running happily through the castle on her 18th birthday, little knowing the imminent danger she faces. *A mellow and sorrowful version of the S.B. theme is played*

**rit.. - - - a tempo**

This musical score page contains two staves of music for a 12-piece orchestra. The top staff includes HP (Harp), Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Timpani, Percussion (two staves), Piano, Violin (two staves), Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. Measure 11 begins with a dynamic of **p** dolce for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, and Bassoon. The dynamic changes to **pp eerily, grad. cresc.** for the same instruments in the next measure. Measures 12 begin with **p dolce** for Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, and Tuba. The dynamic shifts to **p dolce** for all instruments in measure 12. The score concludes with a dynamic of **p eerily** for all instruments.

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The princess begins to climb a spiralling staircase in a high tower. *A metrically modulated version of the Danger theme is played from bar 110.*

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**'100 Years Later':**  
 A prince is seen riding through the forest,  
 searching for the castle

The narrator speaks over these  
 four bars, telling the audience that  
 100 years has past, and that the  
 prince is searching for the castle  
 to wake Sleeping Beauty so he can  
 marry her *The Danger theme is played.*

=90

HP

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*f risoluto*

*f risoluto*

*f risoluto*

*mf*

*f*

*f agitato*

*f agitato*

*f agitato*

*mf*

*mf*

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rit.

HP

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Xyl.

Perc. 2

f

Pno.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

div.

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He reaches the castle, and there is thunder and lightening as he approaches the door. *The Danger theme is played with a more hopeful harmonisation*

He runs through the castle, searching for Sleeping Beauty

He finds her lying in the tower where she fell asleep, and slowly approaches her.

$\text{♩} = 60$

$\text{♩} = 112$

**molto rit.**

$\text{♩} = 80$

HP

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

**Measure 132 (Primary Focus):**

- HP:** Rests throughout.
- Fl. (Treble):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Ob. (Treble):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Cl. (Treble):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Bsn. (Bass):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Hn. (Treble):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Tpt. (Treble):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Tbn. (Bass):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Tba. (Double Bass):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Timp. (Timpani):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Perc. 1 (Percussion 1):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Perc. 2 (Percussion 2):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Pno. (Piano):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vln. 1 (Violin 1):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vln. 2 (Violin 2):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vla. (Cello):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vc. (Double Bass):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Cb. (Double Bass):** ff (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).

**Measure 133 (Continuation):**

- Fl. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Ob. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Cl. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Bsn. (Bass):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Hn. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Tpt. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Tbn. (Bass):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Tba. (Double Bass):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Timp. (Timpani):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Perc. 1 (Percussion 1):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Perc. 2 (Percussion 2):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Pno. (Piano):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vln. 1 (Violin 1):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vln. 2 (Violin 2):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vla. (Cello):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vc. (Double Bass):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Cb. (Double Bass):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).

**Measure 134 (Continuation):**

- Fl. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Ob. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Cl. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Bsn. (Bass):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Hn. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Tpt. (Treble):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Tbn. (Bass):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Tba. (Double Bass):** f (measures 1-2), p sub. (measure 3).
- Timp. (Timpani):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Perc. 1 (Percussion 1):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Perc. 2 (Percussion 2):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Pno. (Piano):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vln. 1 (Violin 1):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vln. 2 (Violin 2):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vla. (Cello):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Vc. (Double Bass):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).
- Cb. (Double Bass):** f (measures 1-2), f (measure 3).

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The whole castle wakes.  
The S.B. theme is played in a  
reprise form, with elements of  
the King/Queen's theme (trumpet  
at bar 138)

The Narrator begins to conclude  
the story, saying that the Prince  
and Sleeping Beauty plan to get  
married and will live happily ever  
after

$\text{♩}=90$

HP

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

$\text{♩}=90$

**HP:** X - - - - X - - - -

**Fl.:** f

**Ob.:** f

**Cl.:** f

**Bsn.:** f

**Hn.:** f ff

**Tpt.:** f

**Tbn.:** f

**Tba.:** f

**Timp.:** mp < f Cr. Cym. Sus. Cym. (soft beater)

**Perc.:** f mf

**Pno.:** f

**Vln. 1:** f

**Vln. 2:** f

**Vla.:** f

**Vc.:** f

**Cb.:** f

**Dynamics:** f, ff, mp, mf, p sub.

**Performance Instructions:** Cr. Cym., Sus. Cym. (soft beater)

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The 'camera' moves rapidly down the aisle of a grand church where Sleeping Beauty and the Prince are getting married. The S.B. theme is played over an extended cadence to the tonic of C major.

**molto rit.**

HP

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

**molto rit.**

*Sus cymbal, soft beater*

*T-T*

*ff cresc.*

*ff cresc.*

*ff cresc.*

*ff cresc.*

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The scene cuts to the outside of the church, where they kiss under a shower of confetti. *The S.B. theme is again played*

The 'camera' pans out of the couple, eventually reaching a complete aerial shot of the kingdom as it did at the beginning.

Black screen