

George Gershwin's "But Not for Me": A Timeless Classic for Saxophone Quartet

George Gershwin's "But Not for Me" is a timeless jazz standard that has been performed and recorded by countless musicians over the years. The song was originally written for the 1930 Broadway musical *Girl Crazy*, and it quickly became one of the most popular songs of the era.

The song is a ballad that tells the story of a man who has lost the love of his life. He is heartbroken and cannot imagine ever loving again. The song's lyrics are simple and direct, but they convey a deep sense of loss and longing.



George Gershwin But Not For Me (from "Girl Crazy") for saxophone quartet: arranged by Giovanni Abbiati

by Giovanni Abbiati

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The song's melody is also simple and beautiful. It is built around a descending chromatic scale, which gives the song a sense of sadness and resignation.

The combination of the song's lyrics and melody makes it a perfect choice for a saxophone quartet. The saxophone is a versatile instrument that can be used to express a wide range of emotions, and it is particularly well-suited for playing jazz.

There are many different ways to arrange "But Not for Me" for saxophone quartet. The arrangement featured in this article is a relatively simple one that is suitable for players of all levels.

The arrangement begins with a solo saxophone playing the melody. The other three saxophones then join in, playing a simple chord progression. The melody is then repeated, this time with all four saxophones playing together.

After the melody has been repeated, the saxophones play a brief interlude. The interlude is based on the song's descending chromatic scale. The interlude leads back into the melody, which is then repeated one last time.

The arrangement ends with the saxophones playing a brief coda. The coda is based on the song's chord progression, and it brings the song to a close.

The arrangement of "But Not for Me" featured in this article is just one of many possible arrangements. The song can be arranged in a variety of ways to suit the needs of different saxophone quartets.

No matter how it is arranged, "But Not for Me" is a beautiful and timeless song that is perfect for any occasion.

Listen to the Arrangement

You can listen to the arrangement of "But Not for Me" for saxophone quartet featured in this article by clicking on the following link:

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Here are some images of saxophone quartets performing "But Not for Me":

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Music and Lyrics by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin

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Wednesday, October 25, 1960

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- Staff 3: Bb7, E7, Abmaj7, D9, Bb7, Abmaj7
- Staff 4: Cmaj7, F7(b9), Bb7(b9), E7, Cmaj7, F7(b9), Bb7(b9), E7, G7
- Staff 5: Cmaj7, Bb7(b9), Bb7(b9), E7, Abmaj7, D9, Bb7(b9), E7, G7
- Staff 6: Abmaj7, F7(b9), Bb7(b9), E7, Bb7(b9), E7, G7

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The image shows a musical score for the song "But Not for Me" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of seven staves of music. Above the notes, guitar chords are indicated: Gmaj7, F#m7, Bm7, E7, D7, G7, and D7. A large, diagonal watermark "encefiction.mamanbook.com" is overlaid across the entire page. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "© 1937 WB MUSIC CORP. (ASCAP) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission." and a small number "1" in the bottom right corner.

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"But Not for Me" is a timeless jazz standard that is perfect for saxophone quartet. The song's simple but beautiful melody and lyrics make it a favorite of musicians and audiences alike.

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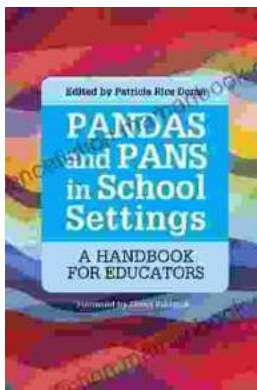
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