Arlington

From the *Bicentennial Wagon Train Show* (1976) for TTBB Chorus and Piano with optional guitars and string bass

Music and Lyrics by **Don Tucker**

Choral Arrangement by Bruce Trinkley

See the little brown girl
Running over rises
Scattering the flowers and bees,
Laughing as she tumbles
Spilling in the grass and
Never understanding all that she sees.

Arlington, Arlington,
Let her skip,
Let her run,
She's alive,
She is five and she will know.

See the little red girl
Looking at the markers
Reading all the names as she goes.
Some from Alabama,
Washington and Texas.
Everything is peaceful,
I think she knows.

Arlington, Arlington Sleeping here in the sun. She is twelve as she walks Through the rows And she knows.

See the little blonde girl
Standing by a tombstone
Placing violets by the side.
Did you know her father?
'Cause she can't remember.
He was only twenty-four when he died.

Arlington, Arlington,
In a world on the run
You remind us of all that we are
And as night shadows fall
In your flame we recall
Every father and son,
Arlington.

This powerful ballad, with a touch of jazz waltz, was at the center of the Wagon Train Show. It conveys the obligation we all have to honor those who have made possible the freedoms we enjoy today.

The musical celebration of the nation's 200th birthday was written to accompany the 50 Conestoga wagons that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania presented to each state in the Union. Five companies traversed the continental United States, giving more than 2000 performances of the *Wagon Train Show* from June 1975 through August 1976. The five companies all converged at the Valley Forge Encampment on July 4, 1976.

Optional spoken introduction:

When we write the book about America, the first page should say,
"You get nothing for nothing."

And when we write the last page, we should remind ourselves:
"Somebody had to pay the price."

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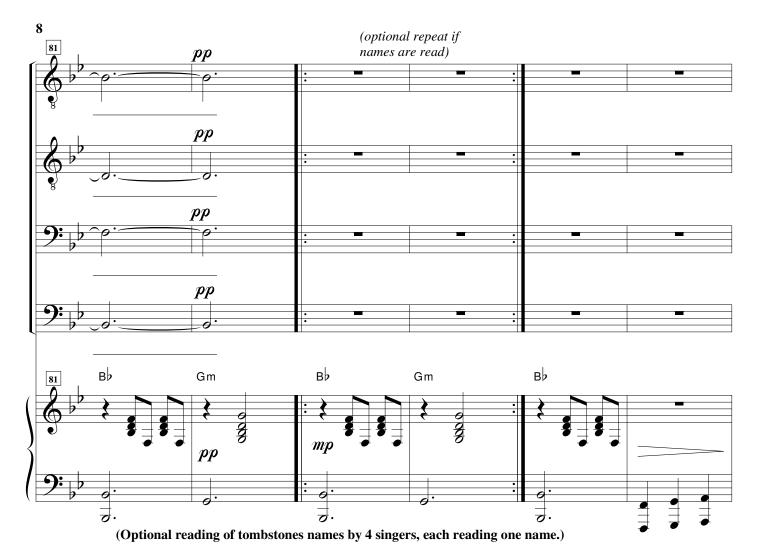










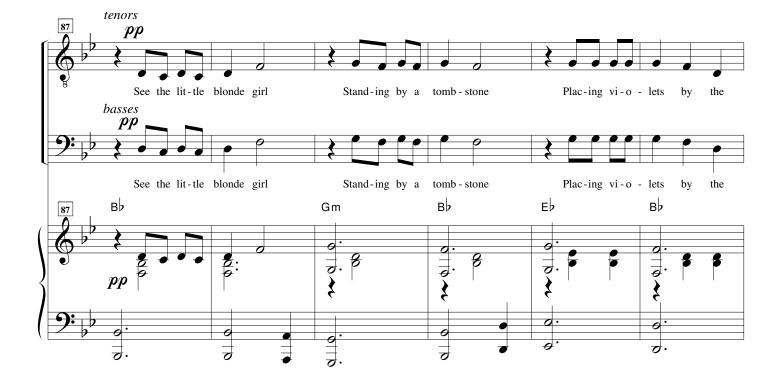


John Simpson, Boston, Massachusetts. 1756- 1778

Carl Ethridge, Elton, Kansas. 1840-1865

Harry Rosenberg, Atlanta, Georgia. 1898-1918

Jamie Gonzalez, Johnstown, Texas. 1917- 1945









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