




(What a) Wonderful World

Words and Music by SAM COOKE, HERB ALPERT and LOU ADLER

Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
 - 8 1st Violin
 - 8 2nd Violin
 - 5 3rd Violin (Viola )
 - 5 Viola
 - 5 Cello
 - 5 String Bass
 - 1 Piano Accompaniment
 - 1 Drumset
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PROGRAM NOTES

The original Sam Cooke recording of *(What a) Wonderful World*, released on his first album in 1959, defined late '50s to early '60s pop culture. Artists such as Herman's Hermits and Otis Redding subsequently covered the song in 1965, as did various singers and bands up to present-day. It has also been used in several movie soundtracks. Cooke's impressive list of top hits, which include "Chain Gang," "You Send Me," "Only Sixteen" and "Bring It on Home to Me," catapulted his career to fame status, which sadly ended with his untimely death in 1964, at age 33.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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