

JEAN SIBELIUS

Finlandia

Alto Version



Finlandia, tone poem for orchestra by Jean Sibelius, the best-known of his works. It was composed in 1899 and premiered in the composer's native Finland, reaching an international audience the following year. The central melody is sometimes sung—with words not original to Sibelius—as the hymn “Be Still, My Soul.”

The piece was composed for the Press Celebrations of 1899, a covert protest against increasing censorship from the Russian Empire, and was the last of seven pieces performed as an accompaniment to a tableau depicting episodes from Finnish history.

Moderato

Here is the main theme:



Student Name: _____ Teacher Initials: _____