# AMONG MY SOUVENIRS HUMORESQUE



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1. "A Study in Rhythms"Sousa		
2. Cornet solo, "Soldiers' Dream"		
3. Suite, "At the King's Court"		
4. Soprano solo, "The Beautiful Blue Danube"		
5. Prelude and Love's Death, from "Tristan and Isolde"		
INTERVAL		
6. Favorite number from operas of		
7. (a) "Parade of the Gendarmes" (new)		
8. Xylophone solo, "Ghost of the Warrior"		
9. "Dance of the Hours"		

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Peroration known as "Militaire Français" from     "The Algerienne"	
The Algerienne Saint Saens	
2. Cornet Solo, "Tower of Jewels"Tong	
Mr. William Tong	
3. Suite, "Tales of a Traveler"Sousa	
(a) "The Kaffir on the Karoo"	
"The Kaffir girl pipes shrill and clear In groups of eight and ten or more, The cow-horn speeds its sound, They dance throughout the night;	
From out the darkness, far and near, The brown-hued veldt their ballroom floor.	
("In South Africa,")	
(b) "The Land of the Golden Fleece"	
"When Australia smiles with a lover's wiles in the sun's adoring rays; Where the harbor's view like a jewel blue, enchants the lingering gaze,	
And the lass whose eyes have the dews of the skies, O, she shall be his queen;	
And the twain shall sport in a golden court, 'neath a roof of checkered green.'' (Extract from Australian poems of A. G. Stephens)	
(c) "Easter Monday on the White House Lawn"	
With the children rolling eggs, dancing and romping, a scene of animation persists itself; the elders from the President to the merest street arab, look on	
the scene with joy and pleasure.	
4. Soprano Solo, "Love's Radiant Hour" (new)	
Miss Marjorie Moody (Lyric by Helen Boardman Knox)	
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5. Symphonic Poem, "Death and Transfiguration"Richard Strauss (It is easy to follow the successive pictures which Strauss has presented in his	
music, the sick man lying weak and worn with his struggle, dreaming of the days	
that are passed into the shadows of dimly remembered things; the renewed battle with the enemy who always wins; the respite; the vision of the life that has been	
with its stages of childhood and youth and the stress and storm of manhood; the final struggle. And the final scene, the transfiguration, is made evident, too, in	
the exalted character of Strauss' picturing, the gleaming harps, and majestic sonority.)	
INTERVAL	
6. Sketch, "Among My Souvenirs" (new)	
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dalay" comes to him—from that, he meditates on the "Sweet Mysteries of Life" and then comes the closing picture that he is once more "Among His Souvenirs".)	
7. (a) Sextette for flutes, "Dance of the Merlitons"Tschaikowsky	
Messrs. Evans, Petrie, Phares, Orosky, Zlotnik and Hall	
(b) March "The Golden Jubilee" (new) Sousa	
(b) March, "The Golden Jubilee" (new) Sousa 8. Xylophone Solo, Polonaise "Mignon" Tierney	
Mr. Howard Goulden	

9. "Balance All and Swing Partners".....



### COMPLETE PROGRAM OF SOUSA BAND CONCERTS

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### FRIDAY-11:10 A. M. TO 1:10 P. M.

MISS MARJORIE MOODY, Soprano MR. HOWARD GOULDEN, Xylophon

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1. 2. 3.	Overture, "William Tell" Rossini Scenes, "Traviata" Verdi Suite, "Dwellers in the Western World" Sousa a. "The Red Man" b. "The White Man" c. "The Black Man"
4. 5.	Waltz, "Southern Roses" Strauss Rhapsody, "Espana" Chabrier
1. 2.	Collocation, "Robin Hood" Dekoven a. Xylophone Solo, "Rio Rita" Tierney  MR. HOWARD GOULDEN
3. 4.	b. March, "University of Illinois" (new) Sousa Excerpts from "Faust" Gounod Vocal Solo, "Caro Nome" from "Rigoletti" Verdi
5. 6.	March, "Foshay Tower—Washington Memorial" - Sousa "Balance All and Swing Partners" Sousa
	FRIDAY—2 P. M. TO 3 P. M.
	MISS MARJORIE MOODY, Soprano MR. J. O. KNUTTENEN, Cornet
1. 2.	Overture, "Light Cavalry" Suppe Cornet Solo, "My Regards" Llewellyn Mr. J. O. KNUTTENEN
3.	Suite, "Leaves from My Notebook" Sousa a. "The Genial Hostess" b. "The Camp Fire Girls" c. "The Lively Flapper"
4.	Soprano Solo, "The Blue Danube" Strauss MISS MARJORIE MOODY
5. 6.	March, "Foshay Tower—Washington Memorial" - Sousa Tango, "The Gliding Girl" Sousa

	FRIDAY—8 P. M. TO 9 P. M.
8. 9.	"Triumphal Entre of the Boyards" Halvorsen Love Scenes, "Feuersnoth" R. Strauss "Parade of the Gendarmes" Lake March, "Foshay Tower—Washington Memorial" - Sousa "Turkey in the Straw" Guion
	SATURDAY—11 A. M. TO 12 NOON
	Miss Marjorie Moody, Sopiano Mr. J. O. Knuttenen, Cornet Mr. Edw. Heney, Saxophone
1. 2.	Overture, "Festival" Leutner Cornet Solo, "The New Creation" Smith
3.	Suite, "Three Quotations" Sousa a. "The King of France marched up the hill With twenty thousand men; 'The King of France came down the hill And ne'er went up again'
	b. 'And, I, too, was born in Arcadia' c. 'N r in the Wood Pile'
4.	Vocal Solo, "The Shadow Song" from "Dinorah" - Meyerbeer
5. 6.	March, "Foshay Tower—Washington Memorial" - Sousa "A Summer Day in Norway" Willmer
	SATURDAY_1:15 P. M. TO 2:15 P. M.
7. 8.	"A Banquet of Beloved Inspirations" Sousa a. Saxophone Solo "Feautiful Colorado" DeLuca
	b. March "Le Flor de Seville" (new) Sousa (Written at the request of the directors of the Seville Exposition)
9.	Ballet Suite, "Sylvia" Delibes
	March, "Foshay Tower—Washington Memorial" - Sousa
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(a) "The King of France"
(b) "And I, Too, Was Born In Arcadia",
(c) "The N r In the Woodpile"

Vocal Solo, "I Wonder If Over Beyond the Sea"

Symphonic Poem, "The Charlot Race"

Humoresque, "The Band Came Back" Violin Solo, Reverie, "Nymphalin"

MISS FLORENCE HARDMAN

8. (a) March, "The High School Cadets" (b) March, "The Washington Post"

Note.—The initial concert of SOUSA'S BAND was given in Plainfield, Sept. 26th.
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1. Overture, "Mignon" Thomas Cornet Solo, "Willow Echoes" (new) -Simon

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## INTERVAL

6. A Mixture, "Showing Off Before Company" (new) Sousa Zamecnik 7. (a) Valse Lente, "Kisses" (new) - -

(b) March, "Bullets and Bayonets" (new) -Sousa 8. Violin Solo, "Concerto" -MISS FLORENCE HARDMAN

9. Satarelle, "The Bohemians" (new) Hume



Sousa at the Pan Pacific Exposition, San Francisco 1915



Sousa and Camille Saint-Saëns, 1915 Most likely at the Pan Pacific Exposition at which Sousa's Band performed Saint-Saëns' "Hail! California" written specifically for the event

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John Philip Sousa shall forever be regarded as the 'March King' however his body and scope of work extends well beyond the marches which made him so famous. From operettas, vocal works, overtures, songs, fantasies, librettos, and humoresques, Sousa's brilliance of composition ranges into every genre of music from classical to 20<sup>th</sup> century American Jazz.

In a rough accounting of Sousa's body of work, marches make up only the second numerous of his efforts – some 135 march compositions versus over 320 arrangements and transcriptions for Band. Outside of his marches, most of the Sousa catalog including his humoresques, remain unpublished and largely unheard today.

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On tour, his concert programming was eclectic in nature, featuring approximately nine works, not counting numerous encores which were all generally marches. Because of this, his own compositions were somewhat rare on the printed program – usually a suite, humoresque, or fantasy appeared in one half of the program with a new march introduced in the latter. These would often be bracketed by an introductory overture, a solo piece or small ensemble, a vocal solo work, and several transcriptions and additional instrumental solos.

Sousa was the consummate showman. In everything he did, showmanship was an essential element and he was quoted many times as saying "The man who does not exercise showmanship is dead." This aspect of his nature came into full effect in his humoresques.

## \* THE HUMORESQUES \*

The first of fourteen Sousa humoresques was composed in 1885 and was called "A Little Peach in an Orchard Grew", this was followed by a whimsically titled "Stag Party" at roughly the same time. "The Band Came Back" was Sousa's follow-up to his 1892 humoresque "Good-Bye" in which the band takes exception to what they view as unreasonable criticism from their conductor and literally desert him, marching off the stage in sections while playing melodies relating to travel or loss. At the end of the work, the band realizes that payday is coming and rush back on stage to the tune of "Annie Laurie" This humoresque is believed to have been Sousa's answer to Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony."

It is not clear how he came to develop an interest in this form of composition but it certainly speaks to the wry sense of humor of which he was possessed, his laconic demeanor played out perfectly in musical form. Not a man given to outward emotion, often the only hint of his wit to the uninitiated was a twinkle in the eye following an aside comment and they were left wondering whether he was serious or joking. Married to a youthful wife, he often introduced her and his three children as "my four children by my first wife".

In 1919, Jazz was coming into its own. Sousa was a man who easily recognized the changing trends in music and quickly capitalized on the increased popularity of this new genre. Cautious about endorsing it however, he composed the humoresque "Showing Off Before Company" featuring band members 'showing off in the jazz style either individually or in groups. Of Jazz he said, what was good was good, what was bad, and most of it "made you want to bite your grandmother"<sup>iii</sup>. Despite his skeptical embrace of jazz, he would go on to write a fantasy for band entitled "Jazz America" which became hugely popular.

By 1920, Sousa had for the last few years been including works and arrangements from a Mr. Bellstadt, a member of his band and during that year Mr. Bellstadt became ill and unable to write, leaving a gap in upcoming programs. But, "Sousa turned to" and composed his humoresque on George Gershwin's "Swanee" in only two days. iv

Following "Swanee", in 1922 Sousa seized on another contemporary popular song upon which to base a new humoresque, Jerome Kern's "Look for the Silver Lining" - which he titled with the same name but adding the subscript "with some extra Wadding". To date, these remain the only two Sousa humoresques published.

His particular sense of humor led him into a degree of local turmoil at the seaside Methodist resort of Ocean Grove during prohibition. Sousa had for many years played there annually and in 1926, programmed his newest and one of his last humoresques "The Mingling of the Wets and the Drys", a sort of musical conversation between a drinker and a non-drinker which angered the local religious leaders. After much protest Sousa relented, replacing the work with another – "Follow the Swallow". He was never again invited back. To add another wry twist, "Follow the Swallow" was actually about the migratory patterns of birds.

## \* AMONG MY SOUVENIRS \*

By way of an old Sousa concert program, we learn the narrative of his humoresque "Among My Souvenirs." In it, the Nichols song "Among My Souvenirs" is lengthened into a sketch. Among his souvenirs is a photograph, letters and a broken heart, and as he meditates, he goes back before the broken-hearted time and remember when he and she were softly singing "Twinkling Stars are Laughing, Love" and then his mind reverts to the time when he was "Seeing Her Home", recalling the songs of years gone by at "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party" – he was "Seeing Nellie Home", and then he travels to the Far East, and visions of "The Road to Mandalay" come to him – from that, he meditates on the "Sweet Mysteries of Life" and then comes the closing picture that he is once more "Among my Souvenirs".

In this work, the softer side of Sousa emerges. This nostalgic reflection upon life and music is a departure from some of his other entries in his catalog of humoresque compositions, most of which are of a decidedly more mischievous nature. The songs "Twinkling Stars are Laughing, Love", "Dinah's Quilting Party/Bringing Nellie Home" and the song excerpt with which he ends the piece truly were among his souvenirs – they all appear in other Sousa compositions.

The original parts for "Among My Souvenirs" are housed at the Sousa Archives at the Center for American Music, University of Illinois. The score has been lost to history and no longer exists. These archives, a trove of Sousa's original manuscripts and scores, have enabled this and countless otherwise endangered assets of American music to survive and the University is to be both commended and supported for their efforts.

Sousa, always an advocate for formal education, donated his performance library to the University of Illinois posthumously. Stored in three warehouses in New York City, thirty nine trunks and two boxes containing 9,170 pounds of music were shipped to the University in August of 1932. Albert Harding, director of bands, used the Sousa collection to augment the repertory of the university band, also loaning sets to colleagues such as Edwin Franco Goldman. Notes by university music students found in the Sousa Collection indicate that members of Harding's arranging class studies both the manuscripts and published arrangements.

Reconstructing "Among My Souvenirs" was made more difficult by the lack of a score. Parts, often fragmented or damaged through handling and time were also found to disagree with each other in durations of multi-measure rests. While preserving the original instrumentation, doubling cues have been added in several voices to compensate for instrumentation that may not be available to all modern bands.

The Sousa band performed this work many times and in many different venues. At some point an optional cut was marked in the parts from the pickup to measure 155 through the pickup to measure 177. The vibraphone part should tacet where noted if the harp is present.



Page one of original Flute part for "Among My Souvenirs".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> "Keeping Time" Saturday Evening Post, December 2, 1925

<sup>&</sup>quot; "Six Marches of John Philip Sousa" Music of the United Stated of America, Volume 21

iii New York Herald Tribune, December 20, 1926

<sup>&</sup>quot;Music, Sousa as an Institution" New York Times, September 19, 1920

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