# [Film Score Blogs] Blog #60 Sunday, May 6, 2018

In early December (2017), and for the creative fun of it, I spontaneously decided to take a theme from Rozsa's BEN-HUR ("Fortress of Antonia" from the Reel 1 part 1 "Anno Domini" cue) and expand upon it, orchestrating it in a Herrmannesque manner. I was playing with the idea: "What would Herrmann do with that seven-note structure? How would he run with it?".....



The first image above is the Conductor version of Rozsa's music. Focus on Bars 30 thru 32 The second image is my initial sketch version that I gradually changed in the orchestrated version (following six images) over the course of a few days.

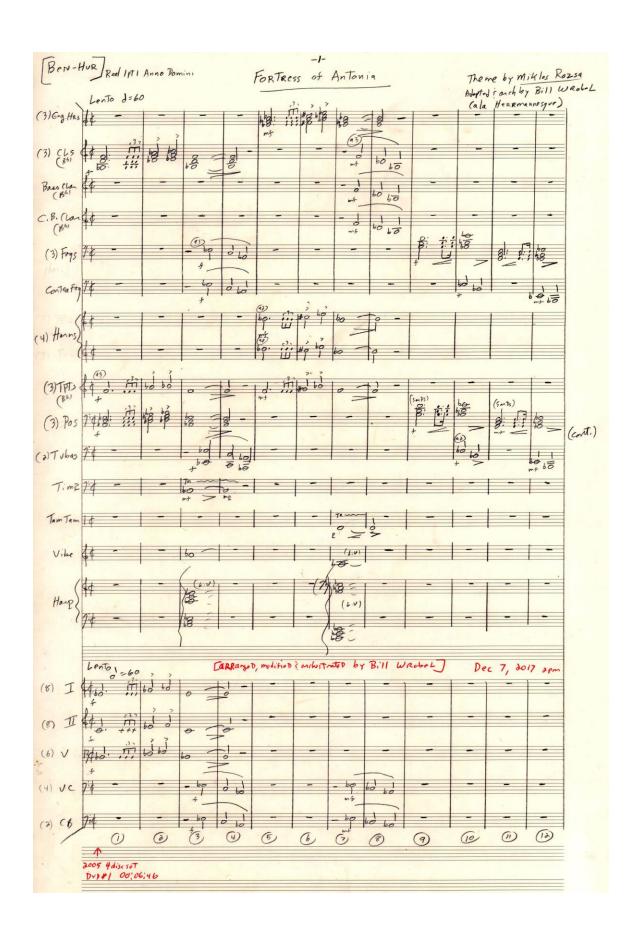
The first six notes of the seven-note structure I modified is precisely as Rozsa wrote it. He quickly finished his theme on the seventh note and did not expand on it when he hit the mark for this theme when the scene cut to the Fortress of Antonia and then the Temple. I decided to expand upon the music for an imaginary scene extension but basically the idea is to simply develop the Rozsa theme ala the Herrmannesque approach.

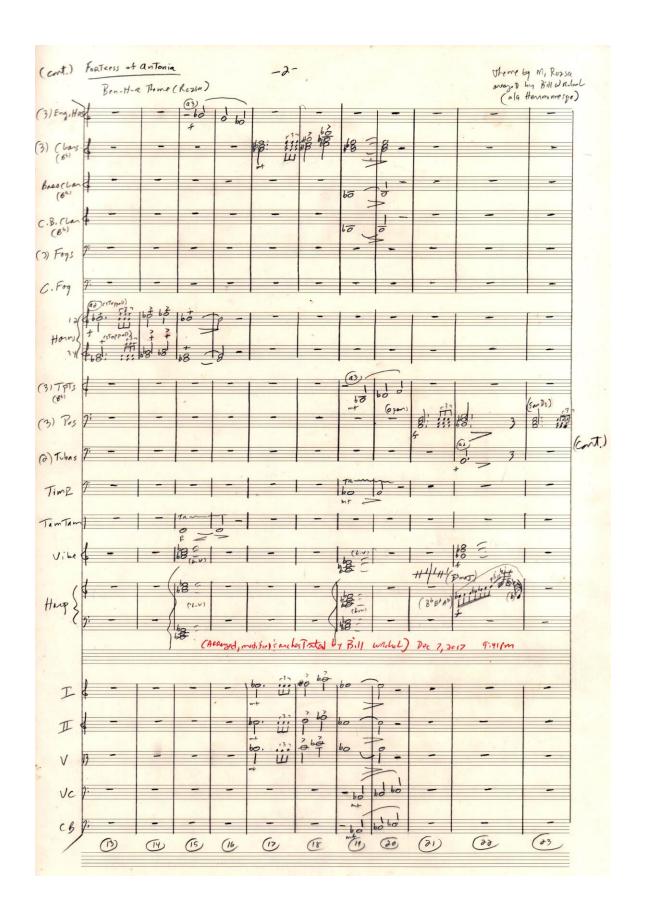
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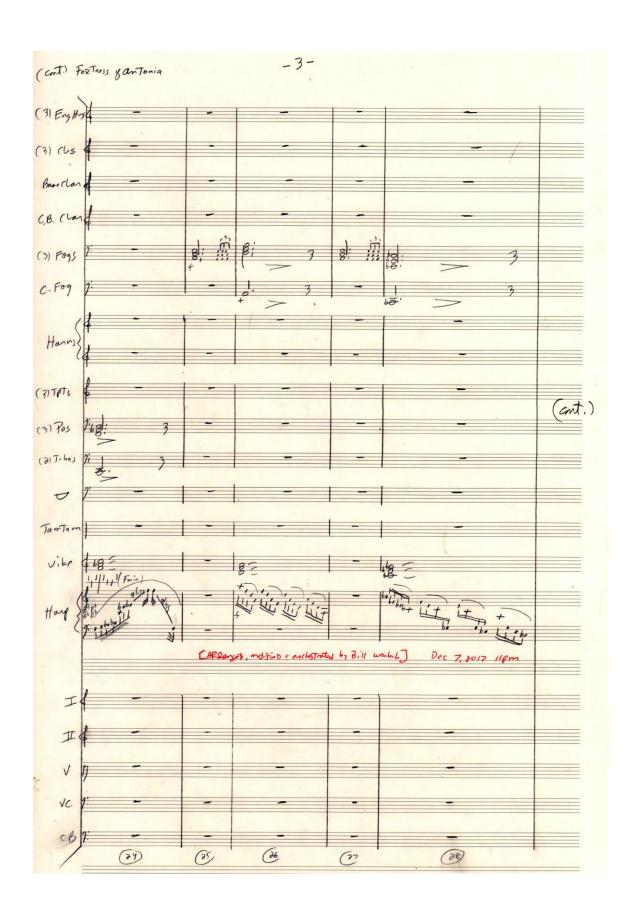


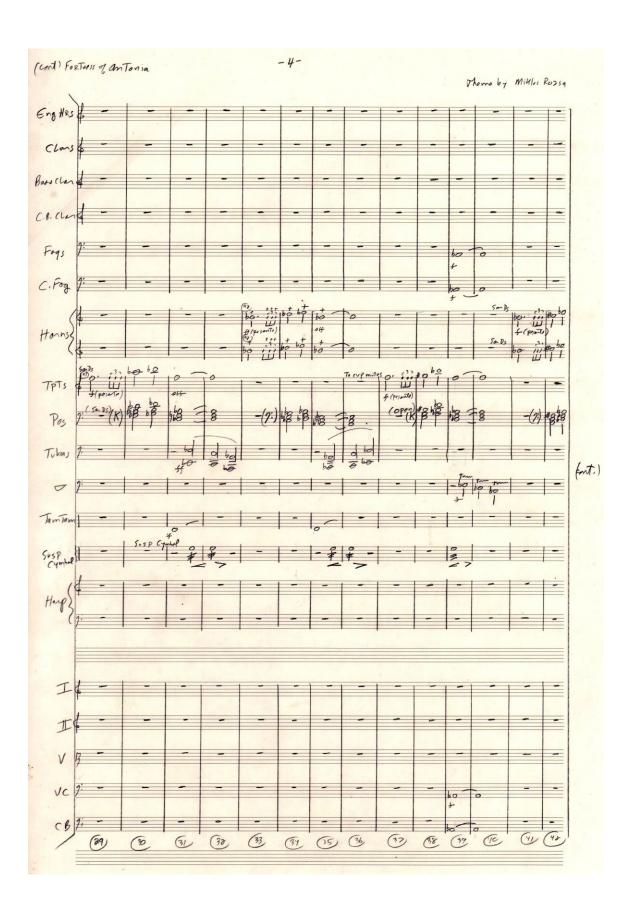
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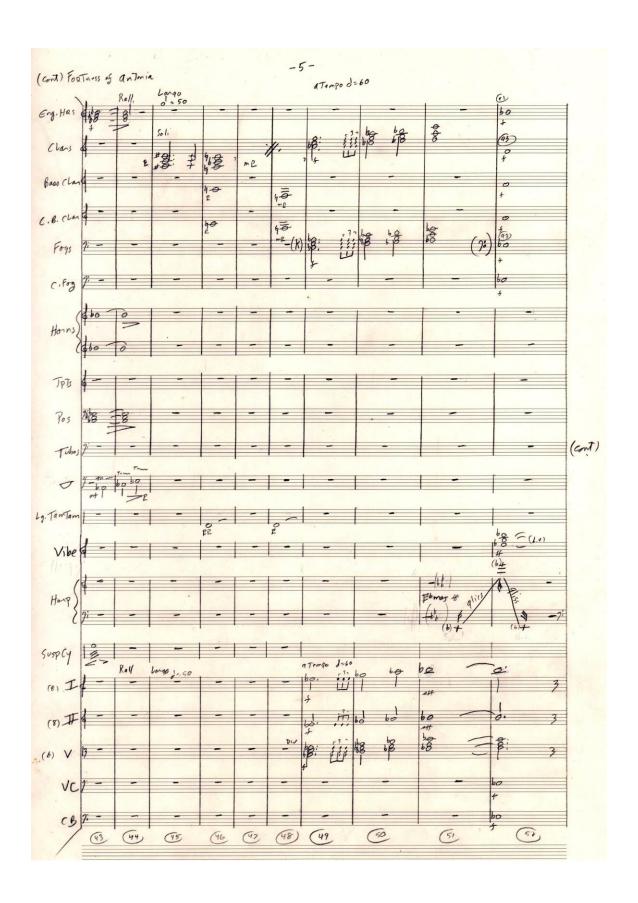
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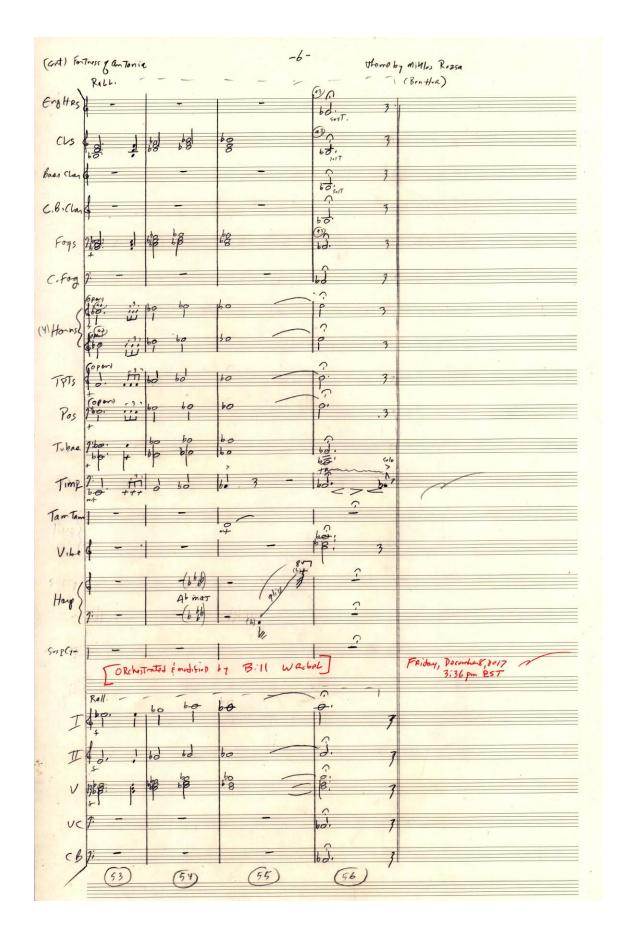












Then on December 9, my ear caught a Herrmannesque fancy to a short Rozsa cue for *Ben-Hur* titled "Salute for Messala" placed I believe 12 minutes into the movie. I'll see if I can find a video file for it here as a reference link. Actually only half of the written music intended was used in the final edit of the movie.

Again I wondered (as I did for "Fortress of Antonia" in the earlier cue) what if Herrmann had the basic theme and ran with it in his own style. So I spontaneously used Rozsa's basic theme and modified it ala Herrmannesque. Here below are the images of my reconstruction followed by the original Conductor version of the music.

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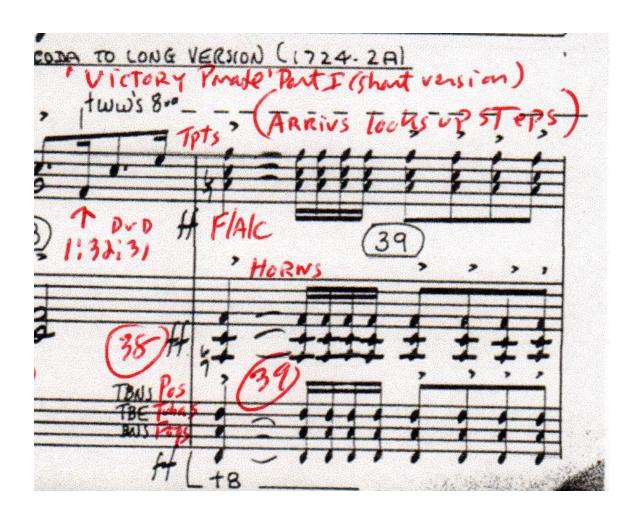
Finally I wrote a Herrmannesque version of a segment of Rozsa's "Victory Parade" in BEN-HUR. Actually, this section I am referring to is *already* Herrmannesque by Rozsa's own treatment of that part of the music (see images below)!: )......

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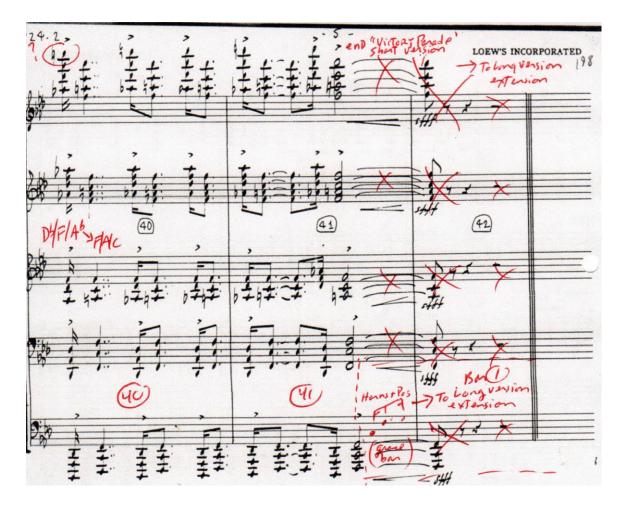
In the YouTube link above, go to precisely the one minute point to the start of the section (basically as Arrius climbs up the long steps to the Emperor) I am talking about (Bars 39-41 of the Part I or "Short Version" that seques to Bars 41-50 --or Bars 1-9 of Part II or the "Long Version"

extension). It would've been easier if they simply stated Part I and then Part II but I presume the originally intended edit was to end it at the "short" version. Fortunately they wisely chose to include the Part II or extended Long Version.....The way it is worded, the "Long Version" is actually a lot shorter than the "Short Version"!: ) .......

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I needed to thoroughly examine the music presented in the Conductor score I have. Perhaps Rozsa wanted that isolated "color" note for the A natural instead in one instance. For example, I questioned that solitary Line 3 A natural played by the high woodwinds in Bar 40. All the other A notes in the other instruments are given the appropriate flat status due to the Ab major/F minor key signature with the B's, E's, A's & D's flatted. That one isolated A natural would basically be drowned out by the brass anyway! I would presume all A notes are A-flat....That is one reason why I prefer to work mainly with the full score orchestrations (or even the sketches) than the Conductor version. The problem with most sketches is the readability issue. And even if Rozsa intended that isolated A natural for one of two of the woodwinds choirs, why would he do that? I naturally questioned that decision under the circumstances. Not logical...unless, as I stated, he wanted an off-color dissonant note ...but that would be drowned out by all of the other instrument choirs anyway....However, if you come down to it, music is



talent, your unique expression at the moment, your spontaneity, and your splash of "color" (notes)!

#### http://u.cubeupload.com/filmscorerundowns/60bBENHURVictoryParadeB.jpg

As I continued my revisit of the BEN-HUR dvd (I do not yet have the Tadlow cd set), when I came upon this music at the 1 hour-32 minute-31 second point of my 2005 four-dvd set, I immediately registered in my mind how "Herrmannesque" in style that music was in terms of savoring specific choirs of brass in successive or different runs of the basic pattern especially (as Herrmann would've done). I am reminded especially of Herrmann's Jason & the Argonauts in various cues such as the "Olympic Games" and "Jason Arrested," cues in *Prince of Players* and so on. I really liked what Rozsa did here. I think Herrmann initially would approach the four runs first with, say, trumpets, then the second run with trombones & maybe tubas, then the third run with horns (perhaps stopped or sords), then the fourth run with....not sure yet. Probably I might create an eight-run course of the cue, extending it to double. Of course Herrmann's penchant for half-diminished sevenths and minor chords (with some major when appropriate) would differ from Rozsa's chord approach here with the primarily major chords. Not sure what I will do in this regard (keep with Rozsa's approach or a true Herrmann approach, or a mixture of both).

I wanted to see if I could make a basic chord layout for the Herrmannesque version of Rozsa's section of this cue. Of course I kept Rozsa's intent for the major chords (fitting for the celebratory scene). The image below is my sketch for this. It pretty much follows Rozsa's design except for the third run played by the soli trumpets. Basically he has the trumpets playing F/Bb/C/F notes in Bar 45 to (Bar 46) Eb/Ab/Eb/Ab to (once again) F/Bb/C/F repeat patterns. Herrmann here would've been consistent and wrote actual chords. I suspect Rozsa was thinking Bb major (Bb/D/F) with the added 9th (C note) but without including the use of the D note. Anyway, I wrote it as a clear Bb major chord. The second series of repeat notes Rozsa used in the third run (starting Bar 46) are Eb/A doubled. To my ears I suspect he was leaning for the Ab major (Ab/C/Eb) that he was already using in the second run of the pattern. It was only the third run of the four that was not clear-cut (whether root or inversion) but just inferred.

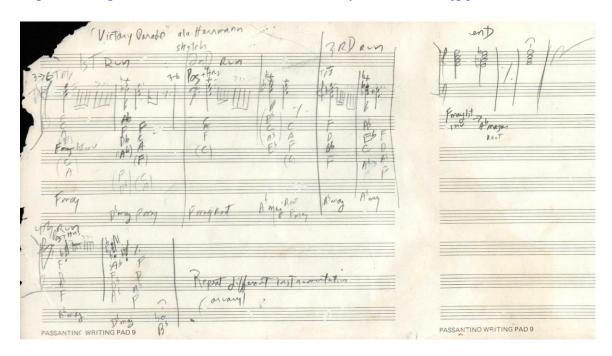
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Herrmann also used the perfect fourths & fifths for ancient period assignments (including Jason) but also loved using the tritone intervals. Normally for Herrmann in such a piece as Victory parade he would not use random color notes. He was pretty consistent. Maybe Rozsa was making a

statement in the third run, and also with that isolated A natural notes--but way too subtle to make any real difference to my ear at least (since the other instrumental choirs are playing A-flat). Herrmann used color notes in his early works but tended not to in his mature or later works except for certain cues meant for odd & dissonant scenes. Victory Parade was a "major" (partly a pun here) celebratory event/music, so it doesn't really need off-chord dissonance written there (weak dissonance that can't be heard or hardly heard). That's just my assessment when I'm thinking in terms of how Herrmann might approach a scene like this. I'll look at his EGYPTIAN score, though....

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The final eight bars (Bar 13-18) are not present in Rozsa's version but the chords would fit perfectly, as would the Herrmann style of savoring the orchestral sonorities.

Most of the Olympic Games cues in *Jason & the Argonauts*, for instance, did not include harp but, in the "Victory" cue at the conclusion of the Olympic Games sequence of cues, Herrmann did indeed include harps (though not prominent per se). Herrmann tended to make the harps prominent in far more atmospheric cues such as in the "Bridge" and "Nautilus" cues in *Mysterious Island &* in various cues in *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Herrmann loved to consistently present music so that

you can "savor" the sonorities of certain choirs of instruments (like the clarinet family, and the harps) whereas most other composers tended to have a "tutti" expression.



Below is my orchestrated version of Rozsa's music ala Herrmannesque:

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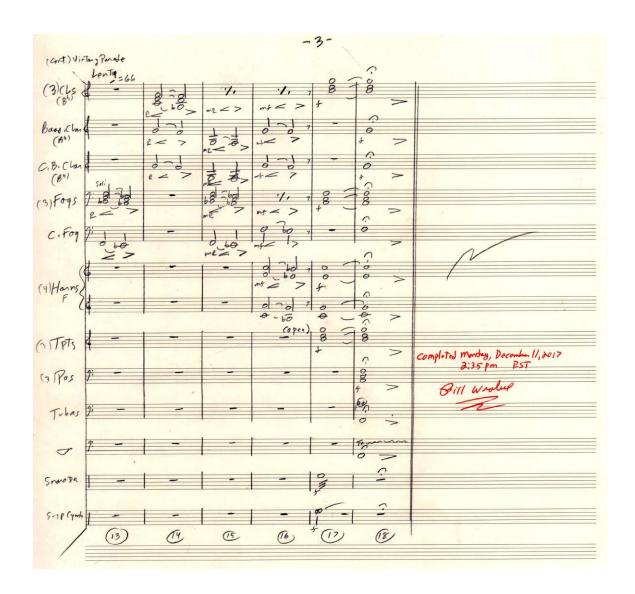
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In the current May 5, 2018 update of my original FilmScoreRundowns site, I included my string quartet arrangements of Max Steiner music. Here is the link below:

http://www.filmscorerundowns.net/steiner/steiner-string-quartets.pdf

I did not mention there that I wrote another string quartet arrangement, but this time of Bernard Herrmann music--specifically the "Adoration" cue from *Blue Denim*. Quite lovely, poignant music by Herrmann. My string quartet encompassed a solo violin, two violas, and a solo cello.



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Back in January & February I worked on separating the TransWorld Recorded Library audio (1963) of Jerry Goldsmith's CBS music. Then I make separate YouTube videos of much of the music. Below are images of the Master List of that library and also my hodge-podge of working notes (a bit hard to decipher for most readers here I'm sure!:).... The red-inked entries are the TransWorld (TW) entries. The black-inked entries show music & written cues from non-TW sources (like from various episodes of *The Twilight Zone* especially.

http://u.cubeupload.com/filmscorerundowns/TransWorldRecodedLib.jpg

# TRANSWORLD RECORDED LIBRARY (1963, London) JERRY GOLDSMITH cues (CBS Music Library) 10" 78's

[compiled by Bill Wrobel]

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-Track #2 (track 21 side b)
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                              "The Robbery" 2:08
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                               "The Robbery" II 2:17
-Track #4 (track 22 side b)
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                              "The Visit"
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-Track #5 (track 23 side a)
                               "The Captive"
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                               "Friendly Talk" 1:40, cue # 1702, Box 18
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                      " cont.) "Autumn Love" V 1:32
                              "Autumn Love" III 1:55
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                              "Autumn Love" VI 1:13
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                             "On the Prowl"
-Track #15 (track 57 side a)
                             "Enroute"
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            " " cont.)
                             "City Mood" 2:16, cue #1709, Box 18
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https://youtu.be/AqY8ZJsDz1Q [Easy Moment]

https://youtu.be/pW6t9c1YSOA [Autumn Love series of cues]

https://youtu.be/0x7iACxS5zo [City Mood]

https://youtu.be/SLBq5mh1Fg4 [Mounting Tension]

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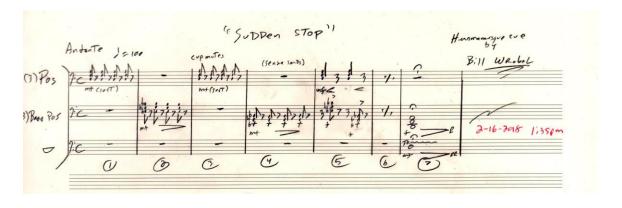
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In mid-February I spontaneously wrote a very short Herrmannesque cue with brassy attraction! : )......

http://u.cubeupload.com/filmscorerundowns/SuddenStop.jpg



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#### http://www.lalalandrecords.com/Site/WildWildWest.html

In the link above is the *Wild Wild West* four-cd set available at La-LaLand Records. I may purchase this because I was quite taken watching the color episodes of the series. A few had Thayer David (remember him in *Journey To The Center of the Earth*?) as a notable guest star, especially "Night of the Samurai."



#### Film Music @ZeffanieandBill · Feb 7

OK. I really liked "Night of the Samurai" (Oct 13, 1967) of WILD WILD WEST 3rd season. I give it a very good four-star \*\*\*\* rating out of five (A- at best or B+ at least). The big plus is the distinctive-voiced Thayer David of JTTCOTE fame in 1959. Normal story, nothing fantasical.



#### https://youtu.be/wCXaUB8KuME

Above is the link of one of the very few instances that Herrmann's music found its way in the series. This is not original music of course but from "A Knife in the Darkness" episode of *Cimarron Strip*......Herrmann's music would have been perfect for that atmospheric episode in the final season titled "Night of the Bleak Island"......



Film Music @ZeffanieandBill · Jan 30

More terrific color images from "The Night of the Bleak Island" episode of WILD WILD WEST....





Film Music @ZeffanieandBill · Jan 30

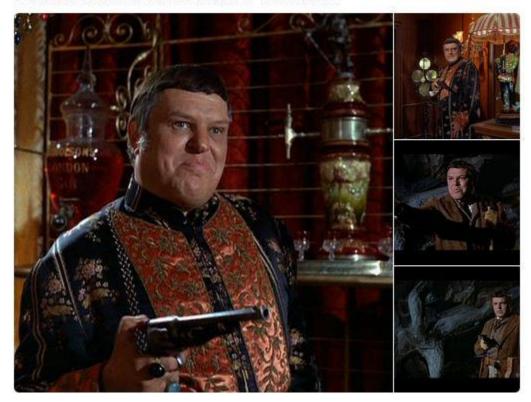
Now watching "The Night of the Bleak Island" final Season Four episode that stars John Williams (not the composer! : ).....Gorgeous colors, one of the main attractions in purchasing this dvd set!





#### Film Music @ZeffanieandBill · Feb 7

Thayer David as Hannibal Egloff with a pointed gun, not too dissimilar to his stance in JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH....



#### http://johndadlez.com/MP3/WildWildWest/4-08.mp3

There are sample tracks of the WWW cd set as, for example, the above link of "Hannibal's Parlor" from "Night of the Samurai."

Below is the link for Fred Steiner's only original score for the series in an episode titled "Night of the Undead"--the sample track of "Voodoo/The Grotto." Fred Steiner was an excellent composer. He did some great work I listened to recently on the *Cain's Hundred* tv series starring Mark Richman. Here is an example:

https://youtu.be/RqRgINKabB0



Film Music @ZeffanieandBill · Feb 7 johndadlez.com/MP3/WildWildWe... lalalandrecords.com/Site/WildWildW...

Here (link above) is the "Hannibal's Parlor" music that is available online as a sample track with that WWW 4-cd set. Good original music score by David Pleis. The images coincide with the placement of the music....





**Film Music** @ZeffanieandBill · Feb 7 Nice score & harp effects here in the powder trail scene by Jack Pleis.



Below are a few more of my old tweets....



#### Film Music @ZeffanieandBill · Feb 1

Watched what probably is a fan favorite of WILD WILD WEST watchers--"Night of the Big Blast" (Oct 7, 1966) starring Ida Lupino. The first few minutes pack an atmospheric punch with the art direction & set decoration. Bravo! A lot of imaginative fun, a delight to watch! Colorful!





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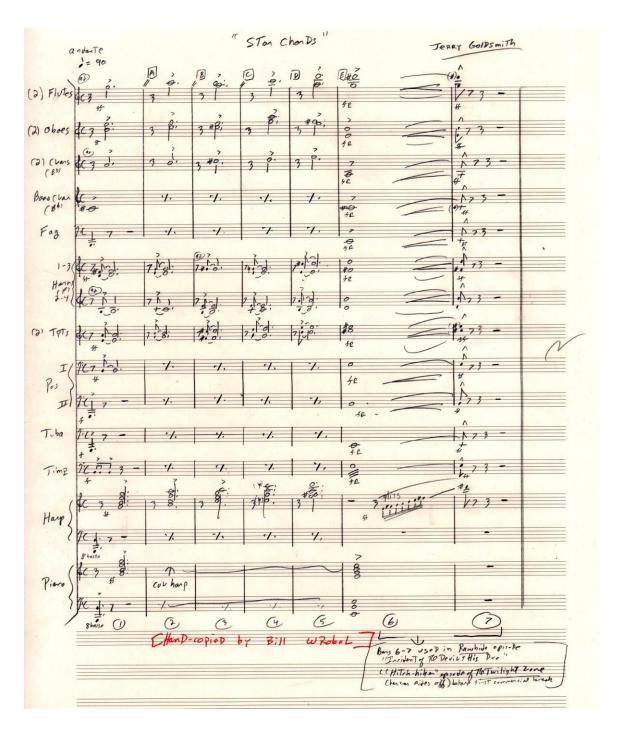
Next is "Night of the Turkey"...eh, I mean "Falcon"--altho the episode is a bit of a turkey!: )...Even the esteemed Robert Duvall with the stupid green helmet couldn't redeem this turkey script that is like GUNS OF NAVARONE MEET THE WILD WILD WEST! One star \* lousy or D rating.



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Here below is Jerry Goldsmith's "Star Chords" short cue for CBS. So far I have not found an audio clip of the complete cue, only end Bars 6-7.

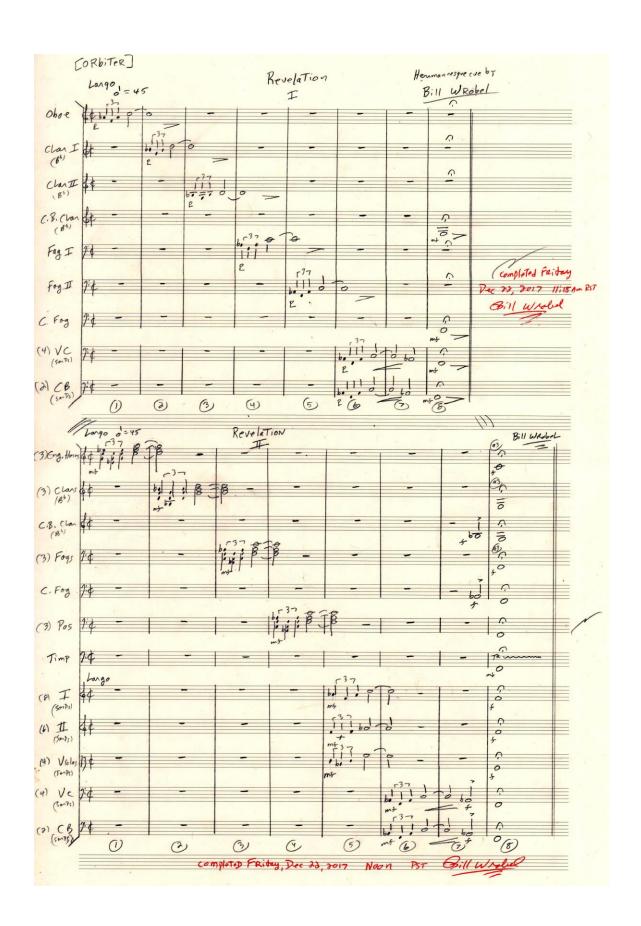
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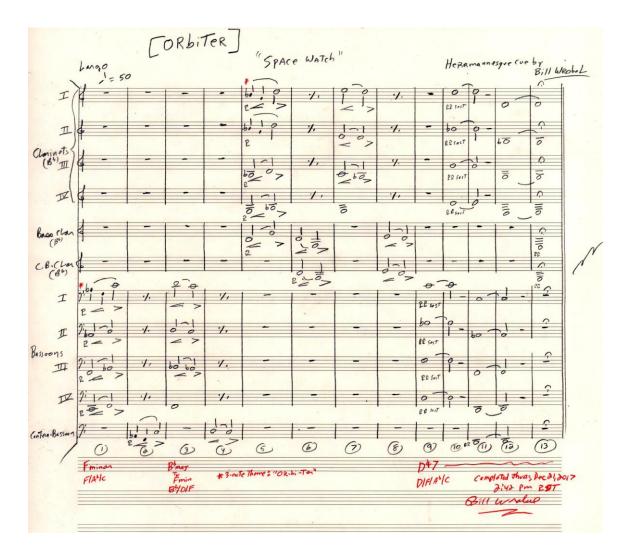


Below are images of my "Orbiter" cues (ala Herrmannesque) I spontaneously wrote for the fun of it after seeing clips of a work-in-progress space film.

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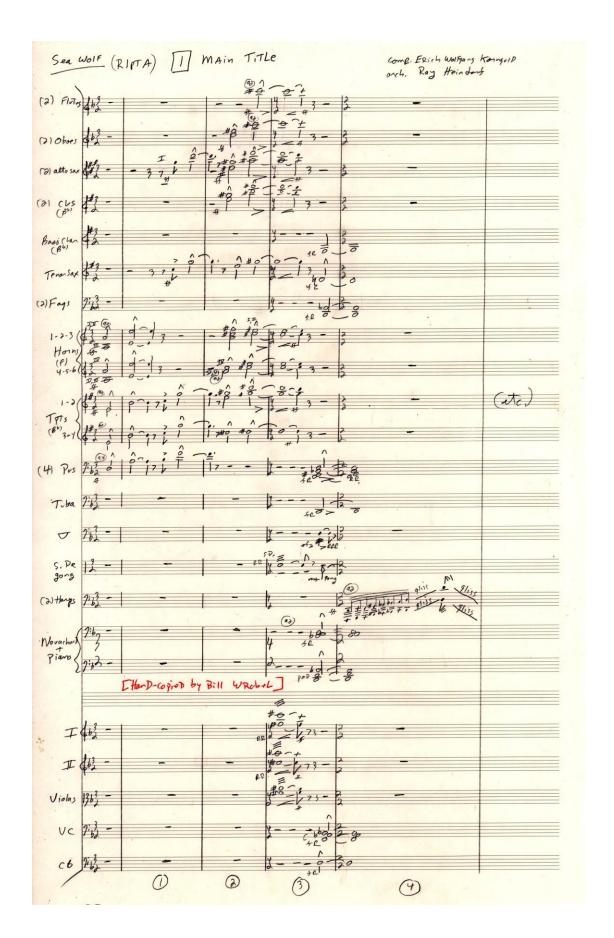
Below is the link to my YouTube video of Korngold's music for *Sea Wolf*.

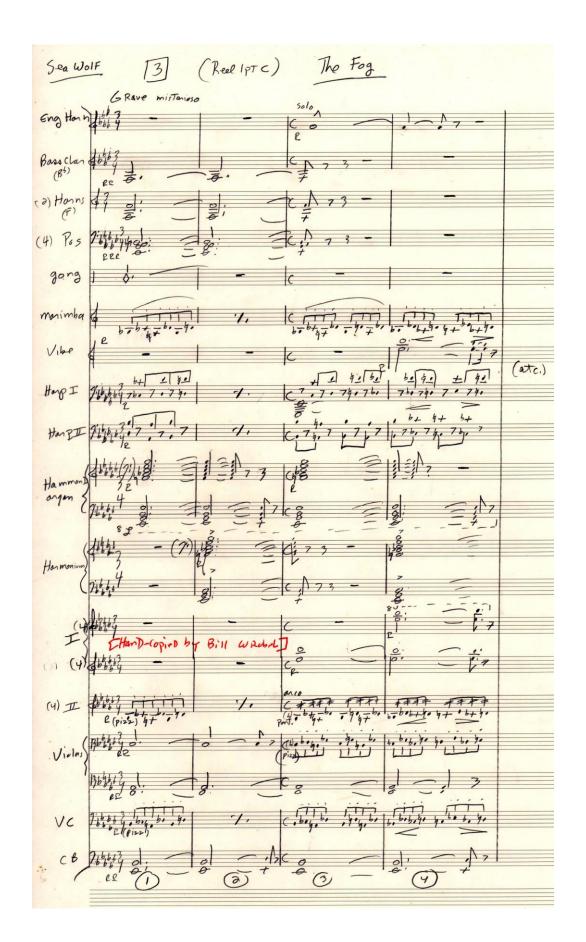
#### https://youtu.be/nvQC\_BYRqlg

And here below are images of my hand-copied version of his music:

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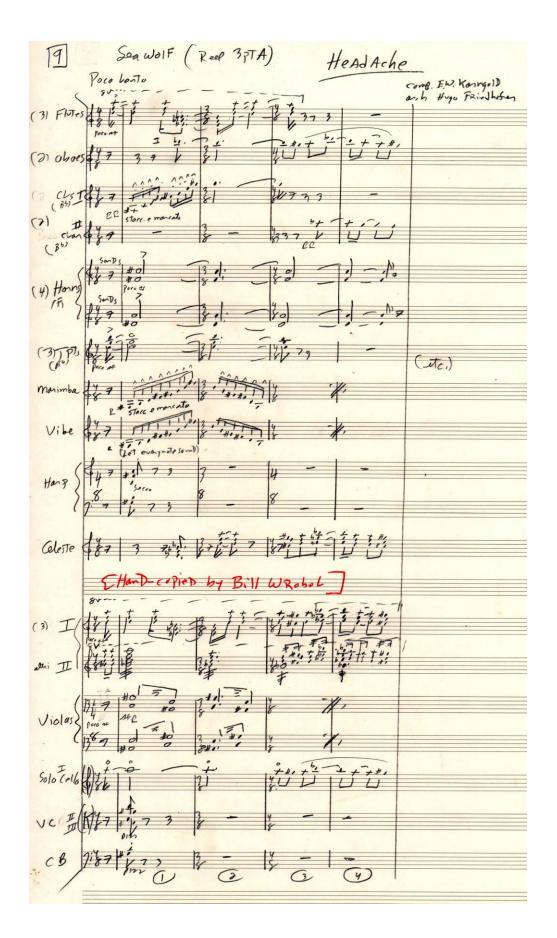




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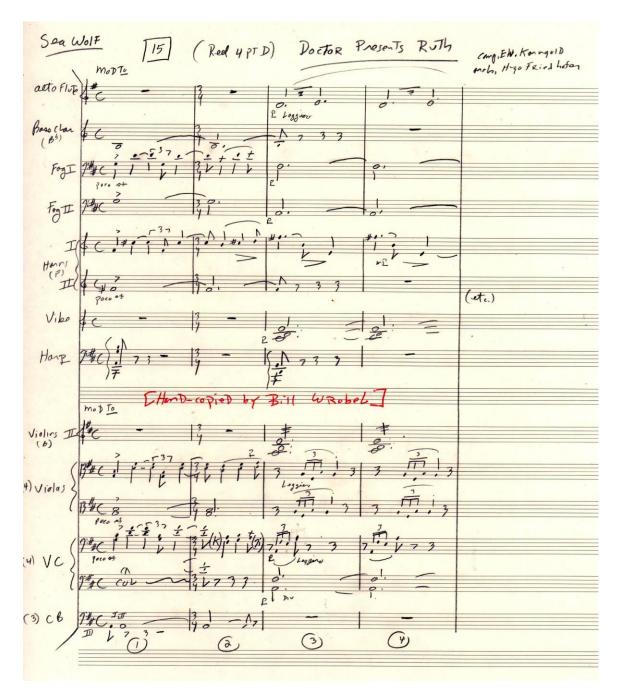
The "Ferry Boat" music was never used in the film.





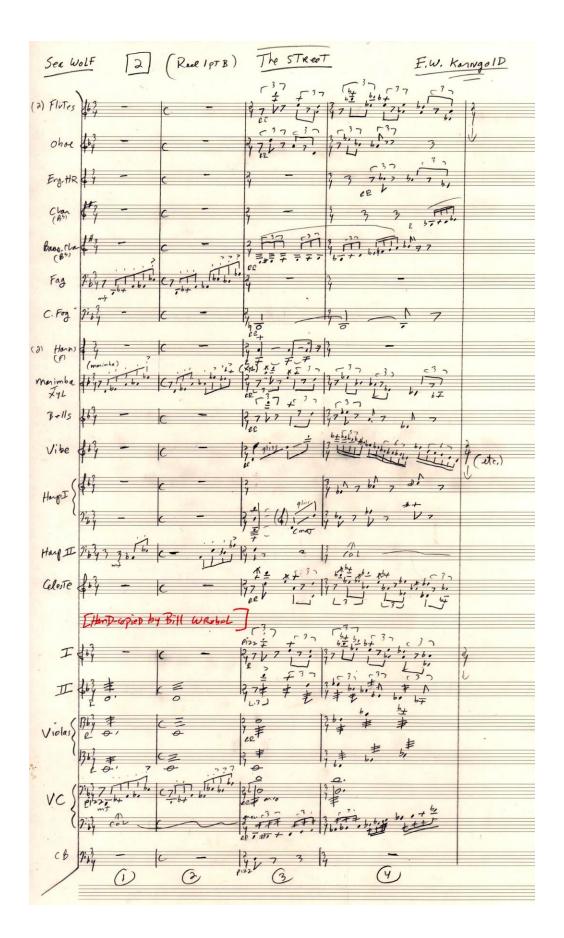
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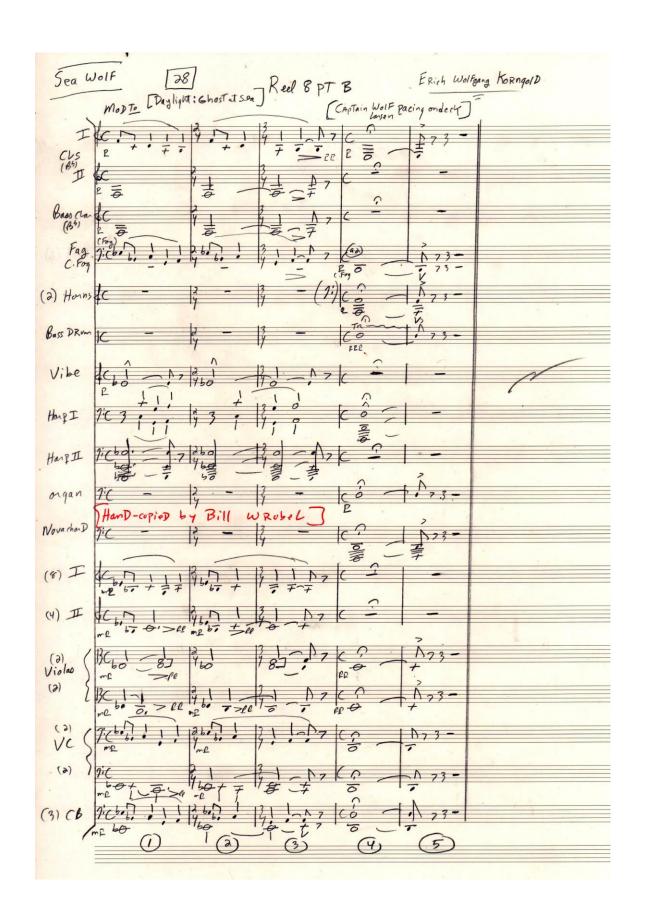
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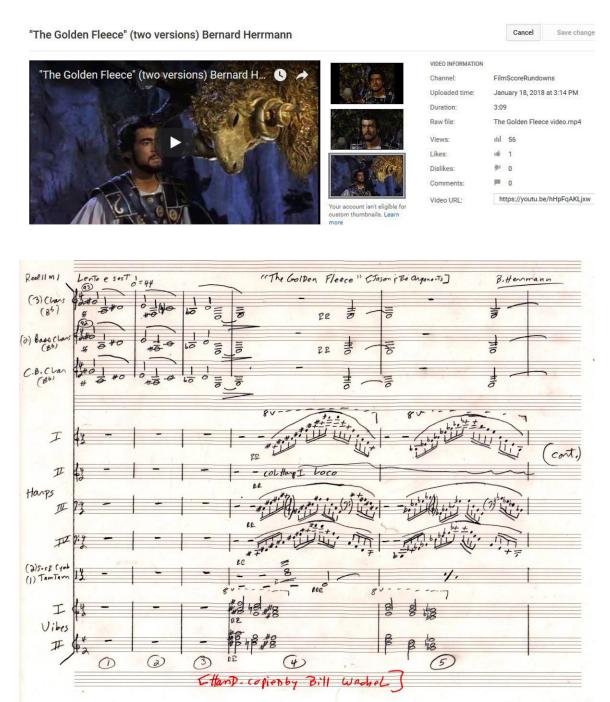
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## https://youtu.be/hHpFqAKLjxw [The Golden Fleece] Bernard Herrmann



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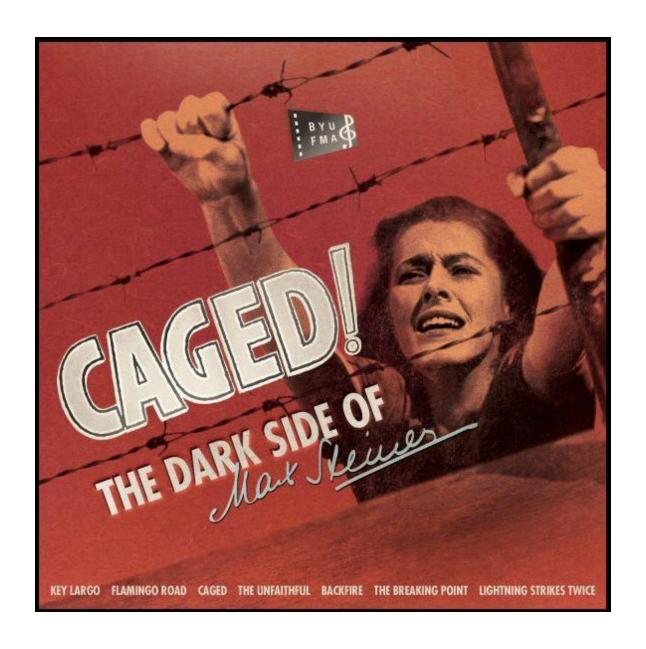
Image link above (and embedded image below) is the section of the "Golden Fleece" music that was actually used in the final edit of the picture.



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 $\frac{http://www4.screenarchives.com/title\_detail.cfm/ID/35255/CAGED-THE-DARK-SIDE-OF-MAX-STEINER-3CD/$ 

Link above is for the newly released three-cd set of vintage Max Steiner music that is quite unrestrained and needs to be *Caged*! : )....Or "Steiner Unchained!"



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