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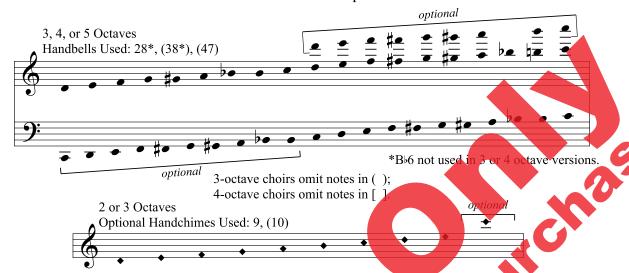
City of Stars, the Oscar-winning song from the movie musical *La La Land*, uses a form that is familiar in the genre – AABA to explore the conflicts between love and ambition. In this arrangement, the duet is present in the contrasting lines between the handbells and the handchimes. The bridge section is quite jazzy, with malleted bells providing punctuation. The piece ends simply and plaintively.



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City of Stars

for 3-5 octaves of Handbells with optional Handchimes



by Justin Hurwitz, Benj Pasek, and Justin Paul



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