This Quest I Take

The notion of a ‘quest’ has always had the romantic tones of adventure with uncertainty, overcoming adversity, and rising above the odds to win the ultimate prize!

This piece paints the same emotive picture: after a solemn opening (as the Quest is accepted), the band moves into a theme pulsing with energy, with an ever growing sense of momentum. As with any Quest, there is a moment of uncertainty when the outcome is in the balance, however this resolves through the final push, ending with a resounding statement of success.

Featuring call and response block harmonies, and an energetic, syncopated motif, “This Quest I Take” will be a popular concert or contest piece for developing bands!
About the Composer...

Nathan Cahill is a Music Teacher in Queensland, Australia, teaching in the Bundaberg area. After completing a teaching degree majoring in English and Drama, Nathan taught in secondary schools until 2008, when he undertook a Bachelor of Music (Composition) through the CQU Conservatorium, while concurrently teaching Classroom Music and composing for local groups. Upon completing his degree, he was awarded Honours with Distinction. He currently teaches both Classroom and Instrumental Music, as well as presenting workshops for both teachers and students and guest conducting for Choral and Concert Band events around Australia.

Highly regarded for his themed choral works, Nathan has had over 500 schools around Australia singing his ANZAC and Book Week songs alone. His whole-school ukulele pedagogy (entitled “Green Crocs Eat Ants!”) is also popular in Primary School classrooms across Australia and the USA.

With a growing repertoire of instrumental music, Nathan’s Concert Band piece "Walsh Mountain" (published by Brolga Music) was featured in 2013 at the prestigious Mid-West Clinic, Chicago. Since then, his CB music has been performed around Australia and America. He travels regularly as guest conductor/clinician for classroom music, choral and band events.

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