

Wrapped Refrain

The Oregon Symphony to Play at Carnegie Hall for the First Time

Cost: \$300,000 from 295 people and grants, 574 gallons \$5 per gallon

More than practice to get there-- time,
money, eighty-foot truck, their prime
performances, two drivers for
"Spring for Music" festival, score
two skilled drivers for a safe traveling device.
Gather resources. Success is more than practice.

Load the big truck with five stage hands.
Trombones, cymbals, cellos demand
bubble wrap like basses and drums.
Cufflinks, cough drops, batons- all hums
with earplugs, bow-ties, tissue, garment steamer, luck.
Calf-skin drum heads, Beastie Boys, Jettiers load the truck.

Two years planning, things by letter.
Musicians never played better.
Director Carlos Kalmar sends
five typed pages of notes, depends
on everyone to do their part, understanding.
Finally on the road after two years planning.

For the first time across country
to play music theme of war, pry
spirits of feisty orchestra.
Drivers are from Oklahoma.
Climate-controlled tractor coddles in a safe clime.
instruments carefully swaddled. East for first time.

Head for New York with GPS.
Packed, checked, wrapped, loaded for success.
Beastie Boys is two driver's fare.
Chocolate chip cookies declare
time to leave, face weather, make the deadline, hard work.
Musicians need instruments, so head for New York.

Wrapped Refrain: Created by Jan Turner
six line stanzas. Two or more.
Syllable Count: 8-8-8-8-12-12
Rhyme Scheme: a-a-b-b-c-c