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Versions for:

Tenor & Bass Trombone

F Horn & Bassoon

Bb Trumpet & Trombone

Oboe & Bassoon

This fun—but moderately challenging—little duet dates from 1967, when I was an undergraduate student at Central College. Imaginatively titled “A Little Duet,” it was written for two of my trombone-player friends who played it that year on a campus music fraternity recital. The following summer, I transposed the first trombone part for horn so that I could play it with another trombone player back in my home town.

Another version for horn and bassoon came a couple years after that, for me to play for a music boosters meeting with one of my students at my first teaching job. It then lay dormant for several decades, until a mention by one of the original trombonists (with whom I had recently re-connected on Facebook) got me to thinking about it. I had thought it was lost, but after some searching, I found a faded copy of the horn-bassoon version and got re-acquainted with it. I did a little tweaking and published that version with a new title that reflects some tongue-in-cheek moments in the piece.

Then my friend that I had reconnected with sent me a copy of the original 1967 version for trombone duo. I tweaked that a little bit also and put it out as well. I have recently adapted it for trumpet-trombone and oboe-bassoon. All four versions can be played by different combinations of and with other instruments which are listed in the website descriptions.