Overture to "Etoile du Nord"

G. Meyerbeer



There are elements to this part and the flute part which make me wonder -- for instance the range -- whether it's really a "piccolo" part or perhaps to be played on the standard flute. And the "flute part" could be played on a piccolo at concert pitch. It seems to go too high for the flute! And the other strangeness is doubling the oboe on the piccolo during the C major section, a very cantabile section! [This theme, the "Romantic" theme of the opera, was taken in a somewhat altered form by G. Verdi for Forza.]











