

*Civilization and Its Discontents* for solo tuba by Richard Wilson

Overcoming the Forces of Nature

Soap as a Measure of Civilization

Love, Necessity, and the Death Instinct

The Aggressive Impulse Thwarted

Bad Conscience and the Superego

Among personal effects left by the reclusive, little-known elder brother of Sigmund Freud--  
Hieronymus Guglielmo Freud--was the following memorandum:

My brother suffered a terrible frustration in his early youth. He  
harbored a burning desire to play the tuba. But his diminutive  
stature caused the band director to force him to learn the pic-  
colo instead. It is my opinion that this had a marked effect on  
him in later life.

In response to his remarkable revelation I have written *Civilization and Its Discontents* for solo  
tuba, taking title and movement subtitles from Freud's famous essay of 1930.

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