# AN ENGLISH FOLKSONG

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# arranged by Terry McQuilkin

## ALL FOR STRINGS PERFORMANCE SELECTIONS



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ALL FOR STRINGS PERFORMANCE SELECTIONS are elementary string orchestra pieces designed to reinforce the concepts found in the ALL FOR STRINGS Comprehensive String Method by Gerald E. Anderson and Robert S. Frost. Each of these compositions is correlated with a specific page in the method book. They can be used as a complement to the ALL FOR STRINGS curriculum or as concert pieces for young string orchestras. In addition, each piece contains several warm-up exercises, or Learning Concepts, which isolate for more intense study many of the composition's musical elements.

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CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS (Grade 1) SO76 arr. Robert S. Frost – 2:20 Correlated with ALL FOR STRINGS Book 1, Page 38

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**TRIBUTE TO THE THREE B'S, A** (Grade 1½) SO103 arr. Gerald E. Anderson – 3:25 Correlated with ALL FOR STRINGS Book 1, Page 43

**TWO SEVENTEENTH CENTURY DANCES** (Grade 2) SO77 arr. Robert S. Frost — 3:05 Correlated with ALL FOR STRINGS Book 2, Page 26

VANGUARD OVERTURE (Grade 2½) SO101 Richard A. Stephan — 4:05 Correlated with ALL FOR STRINGS Book 2, Page 30

## The Arrangement

The tranauil melody of An Enalish Folksona is based on an old folk tune entitled, "Dives and Lazarus." It was adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams for use in his "Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus," written for the New York World Fair of 1939. The melody was also harmonized for the "English Hymnal" with the title, "Kingsfold."

It is important to perform the arrangement with the indicated dynamics. Shape each phrase according to the natural contour of the melody. Each time the melody is heard, it should become richer and fuller. Strive for a warm, legato sound with smooth bow changes.

### The Arranger

Terry McQuilkin studied composition at the University of Southern California, where he earned his bachelor of music and master of music degrees. He has also studied music education courses at the University of California at Los Angeles, and between 1985 and 1990 he taught instrumental music for the Los Angeles Unified School District. A published composer, he has written for a wide variety of instrumental and vocal combinations, and has received commissions for both original works and arrangements. Mr. McQuilkin is currently pursuing a doctorate in music composition from the University of Oregon, where he also teaches music theory and aural skills.

## Instrumentation List (Set C)

- 8 - 1st Violin
- 2nd Violin
- 8 5 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.) - Viola
- Cello
- 5 5 String Bass
- 1 - Full Conductor Score

#### LEARNING CONCEPTS - AN ENGLISH FOLKSONG

Learning Concepts outline the basic musical elements found in An English Folksong. They are designed to develop the technical skills and enhance the musical understanding needed for students to effectively prepare and perform each selection. Learning Concepts, which isolate the scales, rhythms and technics found in each composition, may be used as warm-up activities as you work toward your ensemble's technical and musical goals. Individual lines of music are included on each instrument part, and a full score with step-by-step instructions appears here.

The **New Ideas** box contains definitions of new musical terms which are found in **An English Folksong**. The **New Ideas** box appears at the top of the student **Learning Concepts** as shown below:

#### **New Ideas**

Dynamic: ff = fortissimo = Very loud Tempo: molto ritard. = Gradually slow the tempo

#### Scale Study

An English Folksong is written in E aeolian mode. The Scale Study focuses on the E aeolian mode to develop the student's technic in this mode. A mode is a succession of tones arranged in a scale that form the basic tonal center of the composition. The seven basic modes are all found within the major scale. The modes can be discovered by counting up diatonically from any note of a major scale, and using the key signature from that major scale. The aeolian mode starts on the sixth note of a major scale. Therefore, the aeolian mode is the same scale as the relative natural minor scale of a particular scale.

-Exercise 1 utilizes the louré or portato bowing. The quarter notes of each measure are gently pulsed. While the bow is in motion, pressure of the forefinger is applied to the beginning of a note, released and then reapplied for the notes that follow. The space between notes in one bow can range from a slight pressure on each note to short breaks in the sound.

-Exercise 2 utilizes whole notes. Have students use whole bows for each listed dynamic concentrating on producing an even tone.

-Exercise 3 presents two slurred eighth notes for each bow stroke. Students should play this line as smoothly as possible. Strive for a seamless sound without audible breaks during bow changes.



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#### Phrasing Study

The **Phrasing Study** is designed to allow the entire string orchestra to work in unison on shaping the phrases of the melody. For a truly musical performance, all phrases need shaping. Crescendos and decrescendos have been suggested to shape each phrase. Demonstrate for your students the difference between a shaped and **an** unshaped phrase using music or speech as examples.









#### **Tuning Study**

Developing the technics of both hearing and playing unisons (octaves) and chords is essential for accurate vertical intonation. Students must learn to listen and adjust their intonation. The **Tuning Study** is designed to tune chords starting with the perfect intervals (octaves, then fifths) before adding the "color" notes (thirds, then sevenths). For perfect intonation the thirds of the chords must be adjusted as follows: major chords — thirds slightly lowered, minor chords — thirds slightly raised.



for Julie West

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\*A part for 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.) is included in this set.

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