# **BESIDE THE STILL WATERS**

(Reflections on Brother James' Air)

JAMES LEITH MACBETH BAIN

Arranged by CARRIE LANE GRUSELLE

#### INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor Score
- 8 Violin
- 8 Violin 2
- 5 Violin 3 (Viola T.C.
- 5 Viola
- 5 Violoncello
- 5 Double Bass
- 1 Plano (opt.)





#### THE ARRANGER

Carrie Lane Gruselle coaches chamber music for young musicians at the Lawrence Community Music School in Appleton, Wisconsin. She is a past president of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American String Teachers Association and retired lead teacher for the Lawrence University String Project, a teacher training program for college students. She is co-author of the method series *Measures of Success® for Strings* as well as *Superior Strings in Sixteen Weeks*. Her arrangements and compositions are studied and performed regularly worldwide.

Carrie is retired from teaching strings for the Appleton Area School District. She previously taught with Northeast Wisconsin Talent Education, a Suzuki

emphasis school in Green Bay. Her performing experience includes the Green Bay Symphony and the Fox Valley Symphony.

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## **ABOUT THE MUSIC**

Scotsman James Leith Macbeth Bain first published his hymn "Brother James Air" in 1915, having adapted its text from the comforting Psalm 23. In addition to his uplifting melody, this reflective arrangement surprises the listener with the use of "Amazing Grace" as a partner song.

Beside the Still Waters honors the memory of Janet Bond Sutter, dedicated musician and teacher. She spent many years as concertmaster of the Fox Valley Symphony, taught violin at the Lawrence Academy of Music, and conducted ASTRO, the Academy Strings (Youth) Orchestra. Her vision and inspiration continue to reverberate.

### PERFORMANCE NOTES

Upper strings remain in first position with an occasional low 1, low 2, and high 3. Violin 1 also has a low 4.

For cellos in measure 34, I suggest taking the opportunity to introduce the backward extension. Thumb and finger 2 from the previous measure retain their position and structure while finger 1 reaches back and slightly on its side (pointing toward the scroll).

The basses primarily stay in first position, but occasionally half position is indicated in their parts.

Be sure to bring out the melody when it is fragmented and passed around the sections.

Because of the key changes, I have included some helpful fingerings and courtesy accidentals.

For fullness of sound, even in soft spots, experiment with bow length and speed.

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