First Plus String Orchestra



Grade 1.5

Annie's Gone Home

Bud Woodruff

FAS108 INSTRUMENTATION

| Full Score | 1 |
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| Violin 1 | 8 |
| Violin II | |
| Violin III (Viola T.C.) | |
| Viola | |
| Cello | |
| Bass | |
| Piano | |

About the Composition

Annie's Gone Home is a tribute to my Mother, Annette Fenner Hains (1923–2017). Her siblings and cousins always called her "Annie." She loved music, and her influence was the primary inspiration for me to go into music. Her tastes were wildly diverse, loving everything from symphonic music to Country/Western, to various styles of folk music, to pop, to marches, but she had a very tender spot for hymns and spirituals.

While it is easy to interpret grief in this music, and its presence is undeniable, it is really intended more as a song of the ultimate triumph of goodness. In her wisdom, she was able to capture deep thoughts within simple phrases, which I have also tried to capture. Her life was one of frequent struggles, yet she was inspiring to many. She emerged from every difficulty, never unscathed, but always victorious, with clear eyes and head held high, until her last battle, which brought about her greatest victory. This sentiment is what I tried to capture. If too slow a tempo is taken, that feeling is lost and a sense of grief takes over. That may be what a conductor wants to convey, but is not what lintended.

About the Composer

Bud Woodruff made the decision to become a musician when he was three years old and has always clung tightly to that decision. He attended the University of Houston where he received Bachelor and Master Degrees in Music. While there, he studied conducting with A. Clyde Roller and James T. Matthews, and Composition with Michael Horvit. Upon graduation, he performed with the Houston Grand Opera Orchestra for 22 years. While holding that playing position, he also taught in the Music Schools of Sam Houston University (4 years) and University of Houston (12 years). In 1995 he accepted the position of Music Director and Orchestra Conductor for the Pasadena Philharmonic Society and in 1998 began teaching orchestra for Deer Park Independent School District. He retired in 2014, moved to Arkansas, and has since been pursuing a career as a music composer and clinician.

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