

Tune My Heart

*for violin, cello,
contrabass, & piano*

based on the hymn tune

"Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing"

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PROGRAM NOTE

Tune My Heart is based on the old Protestant Hymn Tune, "Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing" sometimes referred to as the "Nettleton Tune". The work unfolds in 5 brief sections.

The first is an introduction which presents the tune in a primeval state. The second is a more savage and brutal presentation that ultimately climaxes and overlaps with the beginning of the third section: something like a hoe-down.

The fourth presents portions of the tune in counterpoint with itself over a layer of repeated notes. This morphs into the final section-- a more "heavenly" and lyrical presentation of this beautiful hymn tune.

Tune My Heart was originally written for violin & piano and is dedicated to Maria Sampen and Oksana Ezhokina who premiered it on Jan., 2015 in Schneebeck Concert Hall at the University of Puget Sound.

This version was completed in Nov. 2017 while living in Asheville, NC.

DURATION ca. 8 minutes

It may be necessary to amplify the violin, cello, and bass. Amplification of the piano is unnecessary.

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variants on the *Nettleton* tune
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Suspended
a distant memory ♩ = 40 poco vib.

Violin

Violoncello

Double Bass

Piano

arco

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *ppp*

pp *mp* *ppp*

p *ppp*

8^{vb}

Ped. (for color only)

More Motion
♩ = 44

5 col legno battuto sul G sempre

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

Pno.

mp *mp* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

arco sul D sempre

8^{vb} *pp*

8

col legno tratto (with a little bow hair)

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

Pno.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

mp *mp* *pp*

8^{vb}

==

11

A

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

Pno.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

ppp *p* *ppp* *p*

8^{vb}

14

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

Pno.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

pp *p* *mp* *pp* *p* *mp*

8vb

17

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

Pno.

p *mf* *p* *f* *p* *ff*

mp *mp*

8vb

20

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

Pno.

mp

p *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *ff*

8^{vb}

23

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

Pno.

p *mf* *p* *ff* *p* *mf* *ppp*

8^{vb}

7 $\begin{matrix} & & 1 & 1 \\ & & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \text{A} & & \text{O} & & \text{O} \end{matrix}$

LIGHT PED.

+ = mute: firmly mute string with flesh of finger. Press firmly at the beginning of the copper winding.
o = open: release string allowing it to momentarily fully ring

30

Vln. *ff* marcato arco 2 3 4 snap pizz. arco *fff*

Vc. *ff* marcato arco

Db. *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

Pno. *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

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