

ORCHESTRA EXPRESSIONS" SERIES

Early One Morning

ENGLISH FOLK SONG Arranged by SANDRA DACKOW

INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- 8 Ist Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- I Piano Accompaniment (For rehearsal only)



PROGRAM NOTES

As long as there has been music, we have used it to sing about disappointments in love. Even though the flavor of this beautiful English folk song may seem upbeat, it is actually a lament from a young woman whose loved one has left her behind. The music and words date back at least to the early 19th century, and likely earlier. An interesting feature of the song is some melismatic writing, where one syllable is spun out on several notes of melody. The tune is straightforward and beautifully simple.

Early One Morning has been set by English composers Benjamin Britten, Gordon Jacob, and the Australian Percy Grainger. It has been cited extensively in radio, television and movies.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This arrangement is a companion piece to *Orchestra Expressions*, Book I and can be played by students who have completed most material of any book I. The music remains in 1st position without any accidentals or extended fingerings, using only the most basic rhythms. All players experience the melody in their parts. A piano part has been included for rehearsal, if needed, but it is not meant for performance.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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