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# FJH DEVELOPING STRINGS

Grade 2

## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

PHILIP BLISS

*Arranged by*

Carrie Lane Gruselle

### Instrumentation

- 1 - Conductor's Full Score
- 8 - Violin 1
- 8 - Violin 2
- 5 - Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)
- 5 - Viola
- 5 - Violoncello
- 5 - Double Bass
- 1 - Piano

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## The Arranger

Carrie Lane Gruselle is a native of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire, and a Masters of Music Education degree, Suzuki Emphasis, from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point. Ms. Gruselle taught orchestra for 25 years for the Appleton Area School District in Appleton, Wisconsin. She is currently Lead Teacher for the Lawrence University String Project, a teacher training program for music majors, and a part of the National String Project Consortium.

Ms. Gruselle has served in leadership roles for the Wisconsin Chapter of the American String Teachers Association, the Wisconsin School Musicians Association and the Wisconsin Music Educators Association. She is a current member of the WMEA Comprehensive Musicianship through Performance committee. Her arrangements and compositions are studied and performed worldwide.

## About the Music

*It Is Well With My Soul* has been inspiring and reassuring people since it was written in the late 19th century. Horatio Spafford wrote the text after unimaginable personal tragedy, and American composer Philip Bliss set the verse to music. The message is timeless: finding peace regardless of the circumstances. Bliss begins with a peaceful tune which grows in expression and more complex harmonies until it arrives at the statement “It is well with my soul” with a traditional V-I cadence.

This arrangement focuses on expression, sustaining bows, and a relaxed but resonant tone. While we expect a piece of music to create tension through dynamics, instrumentation choices and harmonic dissonance followed by resolution, in this piece the students should rather perceive the musical “tension” as a journey resulting in an elevated empowerment of their music-making, of their abilities on their instrument, and their individual connection to the music which will leave them and the listeners at peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Lane Gruselle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Carrie" and "Lane" sharing a common initial "C".

## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

PHILIP BLISS

Arranged by

CARRIE LANE GRUSELLE  
(ASCAP)Andantino ( $\text{J}=88$ )

Violin 1

Violin 2

Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

Piano

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Piano

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11 12 13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20 21 22

25

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3  
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Piano

23 24 25 26 27 28

L2

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Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3  
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Piano

29 30 31 32 33 34

pizz.

arco

arco

L2

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35

Vln. 1 L2

Vln. 2 L2

Vln. 3 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Piano

35 36 37 38 39 40

(V)

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Piano

41 42 43 44 45 46

rit.

51

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3  
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Piano

47            48            49            50            51            52

Slowly

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3  
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Piano

53            54            55            56            57            58