CAROL

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Abbie Burt Betinis

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Song of the Pines

SATB Carol

As premiered on Minnesota Public Radio December 2005



Alfred Burt

ON THE BURT FAMILY CAROLS:

In 1922, Rev. Bates G. Burt, a self-taught musician, began composing Christmas carols and sending them as seasonal greeting cards to his friends, family, and parishioners. In 1942, he passed the job of composing the music to his son, Alfred Burt, a jazz trumpeter and young composer. The father-son team produced five carols together before Bates's death, and Alfred Burt went on to write a total of fifteen Christmas carols, including the popular "Caroling, Caroling," and "Some Children See Him," made famous originally by the Voices of Jimmy Joyce and now recorded by artists all over the world.

Since 2001, Abbie Burt Betinis has been continuing this family tradition begun so long ago by Bates, her great-grandfather. "Song of the Pines" was inspired by the shores of Lake Superior in Marquette, Michigan, where the Burt family home still stands.



Bates Burt

Composer Abbie Betinis (b. 1980) has received more than 50 commissions for new music leading to premieres and performances in some of thefinest concert halls in the United States. A McKnight Composer Fellow, she is composer-inresidence at The Schubert Club in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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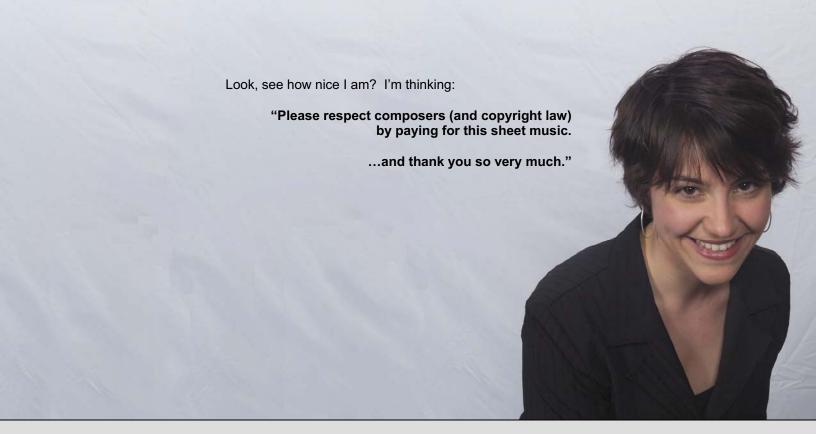
SATB carol ~ А. В. Abbie Betinis Freely, $\bullet = 60-72$ 1. Night, and the world a - sleep,_ All the sil-ver pines are still, Here the moon-lit earth lies 6 bleak and chill, Mi - ra - bi - le Mys - te -- ri - um, child is born... 12 Shiv' - ring down from loft 2. Now, song, cones, 2. A ce-les - tial Shiv' - ring down from song, loft 16 Drops, bough by bending bough in whisper'd tones: Mi - ra - bi-le Mys Drops, bough by bending bough in whisper'd tones: Mi - ra - bi - le Mys 21 C 3. Blow! You_ Great Northwind, child is born. 3. Blow!_ You___ Great um, North wind, **c** } child is born... 3.Blow! You Great North um, wind, 25 poco rit. espressivo decresc. this_song long a - go, And__ on your way re deem us all in Car-ry espressivo poco rit. decresc. Car-ry this of long song ago, on your way re deem us all in And espressivo decresc. Car-ry this song of long a - go,. And on your way re deem us all in

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