



Abbie Burt Betinis

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## *Song of the Pines*

### SATB Carol



Alfred Burt

*As premiered on Minnesota Public Radio  
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#### 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.

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

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# Song of the Pines

A. B.

~ SATB carol ~

Abbie Betinis

Freely, ♩ = 60-72

*p*

Alto

1. Night, and the world a - sleep, All the sil-ver pines are still, Here the moon-lit earth lies

6

A

bleak and chill, Mi-ra-bi-le Mys-te-ri-um, a child is born...

12

*mp*

A

2. Now, a ce-les-tial song, Shiv'-ring down from loft-y cones,

T

2. A ce-les-tial song, Shiv'-ring down from loft-y cones,

16

A

Drops, bough by bending bough in whisper'd tones: Mi-ra-bi-le Mys-te-ri-

T

Drops, bough by bending bough in whisper'd tones: Mi-ra-bi-le Mys-te-ri-

21

*mf*

S

3. Blow! You Great Northwind,

A

um, a child is born... 3. Blow! You Great North - wind,

T

um, a child is born... 3. Blow! You Great North - wind,

25

*espressivo* *poco rit. decresc.*

S

Car-ry this song of long a-go, And on your way re-deem us all in

*espressivo* *poco rit. decresc.*

A

Car-ry this song of long ago, And on your way re-deem us all in

*espressivo* *poco rit. decresc.*

T

Car-ry this song of long a-go, And on your way re-deem us all in

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S  
um, a child is born... 5. Night, and the world a - sleep, But for the song of the

A  
um, a child is born... 5. Night, and the world a - sleep, But for the song of the

T  
um, a child is born... 5. Night, and the world a - sleep, But for the song of the

B  
um, a child is born... 5. Night, and the world a - sleep, But for the song of the

48

S  
snow - y pine, O! Yet here is God's own ev - i - dence di - vine, Mi -

A  
snow - y pine, O! Yet here is God's own ev - i - dence di - vine, Mi -

T  
snow - y pine, O! Yet here is God's own ev - i - dence di - vine, Mi -

B  
snow - y pine, O! Yet here is God's own ev - i - dence di - vine, Mi -

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S  
ra - bi - le Mys - te - - - ri - um, a child is born.

A  
ra - bi - le Mys - te - - - ri - um, a child is born.

T  
ra - bi - le Mys - te - - - ri - um, a child is born.

B  
ra - bi - le Mys - te - - - ri - um, a child is born.