

Be thou my vision

An instrumental meditation on the Irish hymn
for violin and piano

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Instruments

Violin

Piano

Program Notes

The piece is based upon the Irish hymn “Be thou my vision”. The 19th-century words adapted from a most-likely 8th-century prayer and set to an Irish folksong entitled “Slane” have provided encouragement and solace many times in my life. Beginning a new chapter in life afforded me the opportunity to reflect upon the music and the words. The result, more of a fantasia rather than a theme and variations, could have a place in a recital hall or worship setting.

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Moderato ♩ = 104 *simply and thoughtfully*

Violin

Piano

00:00:00:00

11

23

00:00:19:04

24

00:00:38:23

36

38

00:00:57:04

f

p

f

p

mf

mp

8ba

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44 *poco rit* 45 *a tempo* *lightly*

00:01:09:08 (8)

50 54

00:01:21:13

56

00:01:31:22

62

00:01:42:07

68 *ritardando*

00:01:52:17

75 **75** *a tempo* *vigorously*

00:02:06:17

81 **86**

00:02:16:17

87

00:02:26:20

93 99 *expansive*

00:02:37:05

101

00:02:51:01

108 113

00:03:03:04

114 Ritenu**to** a tempo

00:03:13:14

119 *ritardando* **120** *piu mosso*

00:03:22:17

123 *allargando*

00:03:30:12

..... *a tempo*

127

00:03:38:13