Rainy Day People

Gordon Lightfoot arr. Erica Phare-Bergh





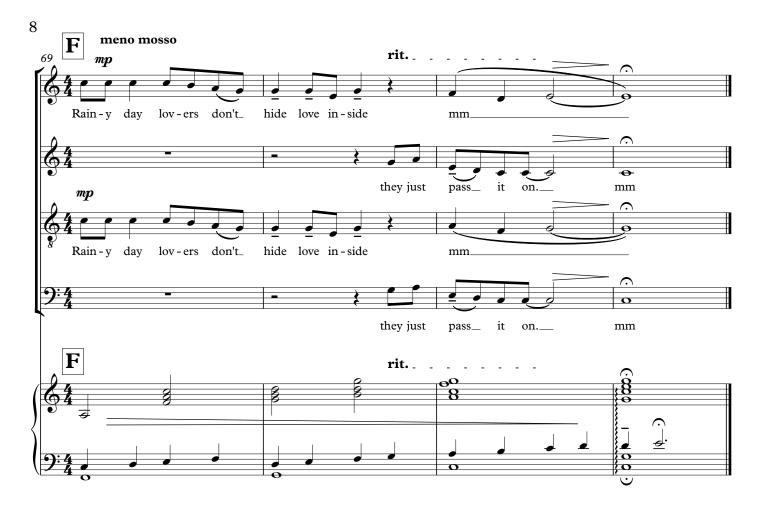














Erica Phare-Bergh has her M. Mus. in Choral Conducting from McGill University. A native of Montreal, she directed numerous choirs there from 1988-2010, including the Vanier College Choirs and the McGill Conservatory Choirs. She married and moved to Calgary in 2010, where she directed the choirs at William Aberhart High School, as well as Westwinds Green Choir, Savridi Singers and taught Music and French with the Calgary Board of Education. She is in demand as an adjudicator and presenter and was the guest conductor for the 10th Anniversary of the CBC-McGill Youth Gala. Now living in Victoria, British Columbia, she directs the Voices-in-Motion Choir, an intergenerational choir for those with Alzheimer's. She and her husband, Rick, write children's books together (A Song with Every Story Series), in which Erica incorporates both original songs and classical music into children's stories. She is passionate about building cultural bridges through her arrangements of French choral music with Cypress.



Gordon Lightfoot, b. 1938, is a Canadian singer-songwriter who achieved international success in folk, folk-rock, and country music, and has been credited for helping define the folk-pop sound of the 1960s and 1970s. He has been referred to as Canada's greatest songwriter and internationally as a folk-rock legend. His songs have been recorded by some of the world's most renowned recording artists, including Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams Jr., The Kingston Trio, Marty Robbins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bob Dylan, Judy Collins, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Mathis, Richie Havens, Harry Belafonte, Sarah McLachlan, John Mellencamp, Peter, Paul and Mary, Glen Campbell, Anne Murray, The Irish Rovers and Olivia Newton-John. Robbie Robertson of The Band declared that Lightfoot was one of his "favourite Canadian songwriters and is absolutely a national treasure." Bob Dylan, also a Lightfoot fan, called him one of his favourite songwriters, and in an often-quoted tribute to his fellow songwriter, Dylan once observed that when he heard a Gordon Lightfoot song he wished "it would last forever."