

Mountain Dulcimer

Two Songs for Dan

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for Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer

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for mountain dulcimer
duration c. 3:30
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Program Notes

My older brother had been playing and collecting mountain dulcimer for almost as long as he has been visiting dulcimer festivals around America. This traditional instrument from Appalachia possesses a beautiful tone. So one day I began studying how it worked with the plan of writing of couple original pieces as a birthday gift to him.

About the Composer

Ken Davies' (www.kendavies.net) acoustic and electronic works have appeared at numerous new music festivals such as the Society of Composers, Electroacoustic Barn Dance, Southeastern Composers League (he is a past president), New Music on the Bayou, ClarinetFest, and London New Wind Festival (UK). Since 2002, he resides in coastal south Mississippi. Awards include the Mississippi Arts Commission's Performing Arts Fellowship for Composition (twice) and the Mississippi Music Teachers' Association's Commissioned Composer Of The Year. His music studies were at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Yale, MTSU at Murfreesboro (MA trombone), and the University of Colorado at Boulder (MM composition).

Dedicated to Dan Davies
Wisconsin Prelude
for mountain dulcimer

Moderato ♩=88
legato with as much sustain as possible

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The musical score is presented in four systems, each consisting of a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature, and a corresponding dulcimer tablature staff. The tablature uses numbers 0-5 to represent fret positions and includes various rhythmic markings such as beams and slurs. Measure numbers 4, 7, and 10 are indicated at the start of their respective systems. The first system includes the tempo and performance instructions. The second system begins with a measure number of 4. The third system begins with a measure number of 7. The fourth system begins with a measure number of 10.

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Dedicated to Dan Davies
East Troy Gigue

for mountain dulcimer

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Strong but easy two ♩ = 66

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