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Melancholy

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This work is based on the French poem Il Pleure Dans Mon Coeur (It Rains in My Heart). As expected from the title, this work has a dark feeling to it. Slow and brooding, the piano sets the feel with the soloist lending to the overall effect by playing a slow, haunting melody. The middle section brightens, giving the listener a feeling of wistful hope, but this is shortlived as the section ends with the soloist playing a meandering line, searching for an answer. This line leads directly back to the opening mood which remains until the conclusion of the work.

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Jeff Smallman began writing music at a very young age. He attended the University of Western Ontario and graduated with a degree in Theory and Composition. Mr. Smallman has written for a wide variety of groups, ranging from solo instruments to full orchestra and covering a range of styles. This variety of styles has led people to compare his music to such composers as Bach, Mozart, Ravel, Mahler, Poulenc, Ibert and Shostakovich.

In 1991 Mr. Smallman was a finalist in the Search for New Music competition hosted by the Canadian Band Association. The work he submitted was his concert band piece Spirit of Adventure which is also available through Eighth Note Publications.

Mr. Smallman has been commissioned to write many works. The numerous pieces he has written for schools, churches and individuals include works for concert band, solo flute, clarinet choir, saxophone quartet and over 20 pieces for various size choirs. His trumpet sextet Fanfare for Prince Henry was written for and accepted by the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1984. Performances of Mr. Smallman's compositions have been given throughout Canada, the United States and China and Hungary. Currently, Mr. Smallman is an organist and choir director at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Anglican Church in Southwestern Ontario where he has held that position for 12 years.

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