# CAROL



**Abbie Burt Betinis** 

# ABBIE BETINIS

# Behind the Clouds

~ an Advent carol ~

for soloist & SATB chorus (or organ)

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FAMILY

BURT



Alfred Burt

#### 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. He eventually 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 ten more, 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 Rev. Bates G. Burt, her great-grandfather. Abbie created the text for "Behind the Clouds" from a prose poem Bates wrote for the family Christmas card in 1942, as World War II raged on and many US troops spent their first Christmas away from their families.



**Bates Burt** 

Composer Abbie Betinis (b. 1980) has received more than 50 commissions for new music leading to performances in some of the most famous concert halls in the United States. A McKnight Composer Fellow, she is composer-in-residence at The Schubert Club in Saint Paul, Minnesota. For more on Abbie and the Burt Family Carols, visit www.abbiebetinis.com.

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 $\sim$  for soprano solo and SATB chorus  $\sim$ 

A. B. (after Rev. Bates G. Burt) Abbie Burt Betinis

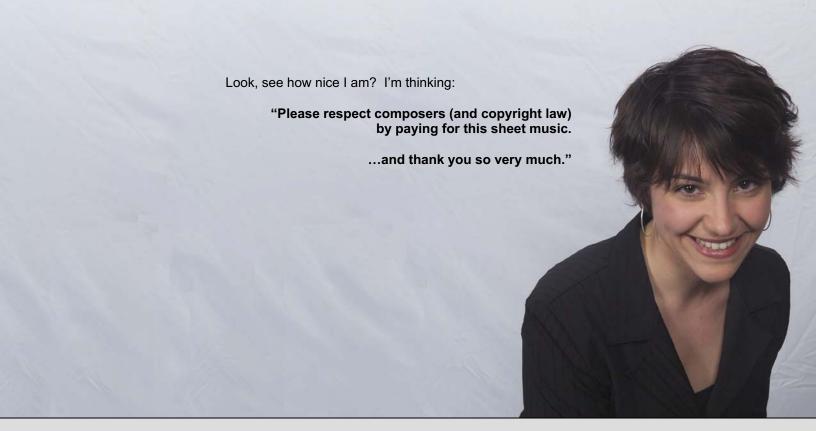


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