



ABBIE BETINIS



Song of the Pines

SATB Carol



*As premiered on
Minnesota Public Radio,
December 2005*



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. In 1942, he passed the job of composing the music to his son, Alfred Burt, a jazz trumpeter who had just received his music degree from the University of Michigan. The father-son team produced five carols together before Bates's death in 1948. Alfred Burt went on to write a total of 15 Christmas carols, 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 Bates, her great-grandfather. "Song of the Pines" was inspired by the shores of Lake Superior in Marquette, Michigan, where the Burt family still makes their home.

The Music of Abbie Betinis

web: www.abbiebetinis.com ♦ phone: 612-590-3998 ♦ email: abbie@abbiebetinis.com

Song of the Pines

~ SATB carol ~

Abbie Betinis

A.B.

Freely, $\text{♩} = 60-72$

p , *pp*

Alto 1. Night, and the world a - sleep, All the sil-ver pines are still, Here the moon-lit earth lies

6
A bleak and chill, Mi-ra-bi-le Mys-te-ri-um, a child is born...

12 *mp*
A 2. Now, a ce-les-tial song, Shiv'-ring down from loft-y cones,
T 2. A ce-les-tial song, Shiv'-ring down from loft-y cones,

16
A Drops, bough by bend-ing bough in whis-per'd tones: Mi-ra-bi-le Mys-te-ri-
T Drops, bough by bend-ing bough in whis-per'd tones: Mi-ra-bi-le Mys-te-ri-

21 *mf*
S 3. Blow! You Great North-wind,
A um, a child is born... 3. Blow! You Great North-wind,
T um, a child is born... 3. Blow! You Great North-wind,

25 *espressivo* *poco rit. decresc.*
S Car-ry this song of long a-go, And on your way re-deem us all in
A Car-ry this song of long a-go, And on your way re-deem us all in
T Car-ry this song of long a-go, And on your way re-deem us all in

The Music of Abbie Betinis

web: www.abbiebetinis.com ♦ phone: 612-590-3998 ♦ email: abbie@abbiebetinis.com

THIS PAGE

has been intentionally

LEFT BLANK

in the hopes that you might buy this score

Contact Abbie at the phone or email address above for current pricing information, or
download an order form from:

www.abbiebetinis.com/order_form.pdf

45

S um, a child is born... 5. Night, and the world a - sleep, But for the song of the

A um, a child is born... 5. Night, and the world a - sleep, But for the song of the

T um, a child is born... 5. Night, and the world a - sleep, But for the song of the

B um, a child is born... 5. Night, and the world a - sleep, But for the song of the

48

S snow - y pine, O! Yet here is God's own ev - i - dence di - vine, Mi -

A snow - y pine, O! Yet here is God's own ev - i - dence di - vine, Mi -

T snow - y pine, O! Yet here is God's own ev - i - dence di - vine, Mi -

B snow - y pine, O! Yet here is God's own ev - i - dence di - vine, Mi -

52

S ra - bi - le Mys - te - - - ri - um, a child is born. *sub. mf* *pp*

A ra - bi - le Mys - te - - - ri - um, a child is born. *sub. mf* *pp*

T ra - bi - le Mys - te - - - ri - um, a child is born. *sub. mf* *pp*

B ra - bi - le Mys - te - - - ri - um, a child is born. *sub. mf* *pp* 4'00"