



In a Grain of Sand

Larry Nickel



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Larry Nickel is an Associate Composer of the Canadian Music Centre, performs professionally with the Vancouver Chamber Choir, directs the Jubilate! Chamber Choir, and is active as a choral clinician. Larry is the owner and co-editor (with Diane Loo) of the Jubilate! Choral Music Press Choral Music Publishing, which specializes in Canadian composers.

Larry discovered his musical gift as a teenager, while studying music in Canada under the International Baccalaureate Program. He began teaching music to children in 1978. In 1989, Larry almost died of viral encephalitis. After what some would consider a miraculous recovery, Larry's career as a composer took a dramatic turn. In 1990, Larry and Tony Funk founded the West Coast Mennonite Chamber Choir. This fine choir has recorded 13 CDs, featuring 120 of Larry's compositions. In 1993 Larry won the International Association Jazz Educators Award for "outstanding service to jazz education". His work has been selected two years in a row, 2001 and 2002, by Varsity Vocals' international series as Best of High School Choirs.

Larry's music has been performed and recorded by eminent musicians such as Ben Heppner, Pinchas Zukerman, Edith Wiens, the Brandenburg String Quartet, Cornucopia Brass Ensemble, Canadian Youth Brass Band, and the NACO Woodwind Quintet, among others. His choral music is widely performed and performed. Larry has ten publishers including G. Schirmer, Shawnee Press, and Oxford University Press.

Requiem for Peace, Larry's latest composition, is a large-scale musical composition in fifteen movements for choir, solo voices, and orchestra which is intended to honor the suffering civilians of this world who have been caught in the crossfire between warring nations. Integrating poetry from various parts of the world in twelve languages, it is an international call for forgiveness and reconciliation. At the time of writing, performances are planned for Vancouver-BC, Winnipeg-MB, Appleton-WI, and Orebro-Sweden and Torino-Italy (with Europa Cantat XVIII).

Larry has been married to Edna for over 38 years. Their children and grandchildren live close to their residence in Vancouver. Website: canuckcomposer.com.

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William Blake
from: "Auguries of Innocence"

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gentle bossa nova ♩ = 94

Soprano *p* *mf*
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

Alto *p*
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

Tenor *p*
doo doo doo

Bass *p*
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

6 *poco rit.* *a tempo*
mp
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

mp
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

mp
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

mp
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

10 *mf*
tr a world in a grain of sand

mp
doo doo doo doo doo doo

mp
doo doo doo doo doo doo

mp
doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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B

26

solo

God ap - pears and God is Light to those poor

doo *mf* Ooh God is those poor

doo *mf* Ooh G ght to those poor

doo *mf* Ooh is Light to those poor

31

f

souls who dwell in night, but does a hu - man form,

souls dwell in night. Ooh

souls who dwell in night. Ooh

souls who dwell in night. Ooh

36

mf

mp

mp

mp

hu - r dis - play to all those who dwell in realms of

those who dwell in realms of

those who dwell in realms of

those who dwell in realms of

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41

mp
 day God ap - pears and God is Light,
 day Ooh
 day Ooh
 day Ooh

46

rit. f God is Light *lo out* **C** *mf* to see a
rit. f God is Light Loo loo loo
rit. f God is Light Loo loo loo loo
rit. f God is Loo loo loo

51

world in a grain of sand and a
mr loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo
 loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo
mp loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

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55

hea - ven _____ in a wild flow'r, *mf* hold in -

loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo

59

fi - ni - ty _____ in the palm of _____ and e -

loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo and e -

loo loo loo _____ Alm of your hand doo doo

loo loo loo loo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

63

ter - ni - _____ in an hour _____ *p* Hold e -

doo doo doo doo doo doo loo loo loo loo

doo doo doo doo doo doo doo loo loo loo loo

doo doo doo doo doo doo doo loo loo loo loo

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D

67 *mf*
 ter - ni - ty in the palm of your hand See the
p loo loo loo loo loo loo
p loo loo loo loo loo loo
p loo loo loo loo loo loo

71 *mp*
 world in a of sand,
mp loo loo loo loo loo loo
mp loo loo loo loo loo loo
mp loo loo loo loo loo loo

74 *mf* *mp*
 grain of sand.
mp loo
mp loo
mp loo loo

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