

PROGRAM NOTES: "Southern Grace"

"Southern Grace" is my version of many of the Southern tunes which are popular in the Appalachian region of this country. Each movement has been rewritten in a different manner: often, only the words of the original tune remain; sometimes a fragment of the melody remains but everything around it has been recomposed. One of the movements is an original work which reflects only a musical genre of the region. Though these songs have been rewritten, the color and flavoring are still there: home-grown from a Southern upbringing.

Movement Listing:

Fiddlin'

Wildwood Flower

Swing

My True Love's Hair

The Fox

Riddle Song

Sourwood Mountain

Amazing Grace ...dedicated in loving memory to Andrew Blue...

This work was commissioned in 1998 by the Philadelphia Singers, David Hayes, Music Director.

--Jennifer Higdon