Brother James' Air

JAMES LEITH MacBETH BAIN
Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 2 C Flue
- 2 Oboe
- 1 1st B♭ Clarinet
- 1 2nd B Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 4 Horn in F
- 1 1st B Trumpet
- 1 2nd B♭Trumpet

- 3 Trombone
- 1 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Bells, Chimes)
- 1 Timpani (Tune: B♭, F)
- 2 Percussion (Suspended Cymbal, Triangle)

- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 8 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

PROGRAM NOTES

James Leith Bain, who also used the pseudonym James MacBeth toward the end of his life, was a philosopher, spiritualist, mystic, and prolific writer of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. As a musician, he penned many tunes designed to meet his needs on the preaching circuit, the most popular being "Brother James' Air," which first appeared in *The Great Peace* (1915).

The tune is sometimes wedded to a metrical version of Psalm 23 but, as is the case in this setting, stands admirably on its own as a satisfying musical offering. Dynamic, tempo, and phrasing indications are meticulously marked throughout and should be observed as such, providing an effective teaching tool for legato style, expression, and general musicality.





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