# Brother James' Air 



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 earlytwentieth 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.

JAMES LEITH MACBETH BAIN (1840-1925) Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (ASCAP)












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