TWO SONGS OF MORNING

- I. Golden Breaks the Dawn
- II. Morning Has Broken

Arranged by FRANK ERICKSON Orchestrated by BARRY E. KOPETZ

INSTRUMENTATION

- I Full Score
- 6 Flute
- I Oboe
- 4 Ist B Clarinet
- 4 2nd B Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 2 E Alto Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 2 Ist E Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd El Alto Saxophone
- 2 B♭ Tenor Saxophone
- I E Baritone Saxophone

- 3 Ist B Trumpet
- 3 2nd B Trumpet
- 3 3rd B Trumpet
- 2 Ist F Horn
- I 2nd F Horn
- 2 Ist Trombone
- 2 2nd Trombone
- Baritone T.C.
- 2 Baritone B.C.
- 4 Tuba
 - Timpani
- 2 Percussion

(Claves, Tom-Tom, Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals)



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About the Arranger - FRANK ERICKSON (9/1/23 - 10/21/96)

Frank Erickson was one of the best known and most admired professionals in the educational music industry. At the time of his death, he had over 500 original compositions for band and 300 arrangements, a band method and a book on arranging. His classics for band include such perennial favorites as Toccata for Band, Balladair, Air for Band and Fantasy for Band, Which are included on his CD aptly titled "Frank Erickson Band Classics". This is one of his final works for concert band, left incomplete at his untimely death.

About the Orchestrator

BARRY E. KOPETZ is currently Professor of Music and Director of Bands at the University of Utah where he conducts the Wind Symphony and teaches courses in conducting wind literature and rehearsal techniques. He has held positions at the University of Minnesota and Bowling Green State University in Ohio as well as in the public schools of Ohio and South Carolina. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from The Ohio State University and holds a doctorate with distinction from the School of Music at Indiana University. He studied conducting with Frederick Finnell in Tokyo in 1989. As a composer and arranger, Kopetz has over 50 published works to his credit. He is active as a guest conductor and adjudicator and is a frequent contributor to The Instrumentalist Magazine. His interpretative analysis of numerous works from the standard band repertoire have gained him international recognition. He is a member of many professional organizations including his recent election into the American Bandmasters Association.

Program Notes

"Two Songs of Morning" contains two beautifully contrasting melodies, scored to demonstrate the lush tonal capabilities of the concert band. "Golden Breaks the Dawn" is an elegant Chinese melody based upon the traditional pentatonic scale. Simple in its design, it is orchestrated in a manner that highlights the contrasts of the woodwind and brass choirs. Canonic imitation allows the conductor to illustrate an important musical concept to young musicians during rehearsals.

The "Gaelic Melody" used in movement two is the well-known "Morning Has Broken". Upon conclusion of the eight-bar introduction, the first presentation of the theme appears in the first trumpet accompanied by the brass choir. Ample opportunity exists for the ensemble to play in a lyric, expressive style throughout the movement, and students will enjoy the challenge of having to play the extended phrases needed to bring this music to life. The music is carefully scored allowing for a rich, wonderful texture, and the melodious counterlines are trademark characteristics of the Erickson scoring practice. The selection closes in dramatic style bringing this excellent music to a fitting close.

Two Songs of Morning may be performed as a set or the individual movements may be played singly. If the latter decision is made, the piece should simply be listed on the program by the title of the individual movement.

One final note...This piece is the second one of the sketches Frank Erickson completed during the final years of his life which will be fully orchestrated for publication by Barry E. Kopetz. The first, "DRUMMER BOY OF SHILOH" is already published and can be obtained from FRANK ERICKSON PUBLICATIONS.

Two Songs of Morning I. Golden Breaks the Dawn - Chinese Folk Song

Full Score





















II. Morning Has Broken

Gaelic Melody























