Seasonal Impressions

Four Pieces for piano solo

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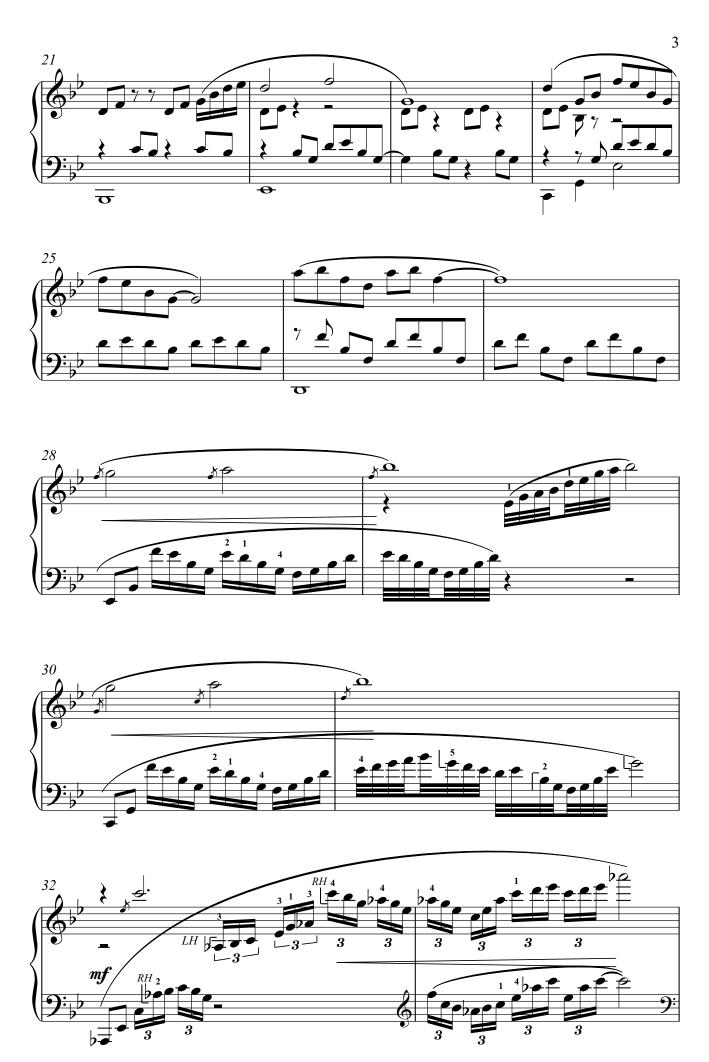
Snow Gently Falling

Dedicated to Yuki

As if snowflakes gently swirling J = 80

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Colours of Spring was written at the start of March 2021. It is a joyful piano solo, expressing my delight at seeing the vibrant Spring flowers start to emerge after the drabness of Winter.

The jubilant theme is defined by short motifs, inspired by birdsong, and the shadow of Winter is alluded to in the more sombre middle section. The mood doesn't last for long as the initial theme returns in a more extravagant way, reflecting how the flowers of Spring continue to burst out and fill the earth with their bold hues.

Waves On a Pebble Shore recaptures the memories I have of the waves crashing in and out over pebbles on the beaches when on holiday in the summer. I love the way the water seeps through the stones in so many directions, the noise that it makes, and the colours that are revealed in the pebbles as they get soaked. You have no idea where the water will go, and there is constant movement and flux.

The music uses many themes that interweave and sound in unexpected ways, mirroring these ideas of fluidity and momentum. A calmer, more reflective middle section captures the sunlight on calmer waters, with a return to the main theme, in itself altered and transformed.

Sunlight Dancing Through Autumn Leaves captures the passing of time as the seasons progress to Autumn. The opening recurring theme reminds us that time continues to move onwards as sunlight dances on the brilliant colours of the changing leaves. A descending motif reminds the listener that Winter is just round the corner as the leaves start to fall.

Snow Gently Falling is inspired by an imagined snowy landscape stretching outwards, with flurries of beautiful snowflake crystals swirling around, dancing in the moonlight. This piano piece captures the tranquility of the snowy world, with the elegant movement of snowflakes contrasting with the stillness of the fallen snow.