

SATB

Petrichor

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Christopher Alexander

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SATB, Piano and Rainstick

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THE MUSIC OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER

About the Work

pet-ri-chor (petrīkôr) (noun) *A pleasant smell that frequently accompanies the first rain after a long period of warm, dry weather.*

What an incredible feeling and sense of wonder to be out in the world after a rainstorm! Using a rain stick and finger snaps to further illustrate the weather, the choir is also encouraged to take audible breaths (where they are written in the music), giving a place for them to enjoy this phenomena also. This original composition will be perfect for your choir to demonstrate the concept of “word painting” and your audience will be entranced by the beauty of your performance and feel like they’re outside after a rainstorm as well.

*The autumn rains drops softly on the field,
The moon, it shines upon the fall.
The tranquil sounds of rainfall fills the night,
It soars as each new raindrop trickles down and takes their place upon the ground.*

*From its new resting place comes a fragrance abound—
Fresh earth, fresh water.
It overwhelms me and fills my soul
With content, delight, and sound.*

*The autumn rain dropped softly on the field,
It goes so quickly, it goes too soon.
The memory remains as I wait for the fragrance
of that once familiar one.*

About the Composer



Mr. Christopher Alexander is an award-winning composer and arranger from St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science in Vocal Music Education degree from Missouri Western State University in 2009. A self-taught pianist, his compositions and arrangements ranging from instrumental works to vocal solo and choral literature. Mr. Alexander has been commissioned numerous times by singing groups and church choirs within the northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas regions. He is also active in musical theatre productions as a music director and pianist. His works have been published with GIA Music Publications and Hal Leonard.

In 2016, he was awarded the St. Joseph Allied Arts Council Mayor's Award for Artist of the Year. In 2022, he was inducted into the New Generation Singers Hall of Fame.

Mr. Alexander currently serves as the pianist and primary arranger for The New Generation Singers, a Christian singing youth group based in St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a member of NAFME, ACDA, MCDA, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He is available for commissions and conducting events on request.

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7 Tranquil, with rubato (♩ = c. 76)

S *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mp*
The au - tumn rain —

A *mp*
The au - tumn rain —

T

B

7 Tranquil, with rubato (♩ = c. 76)

mp *poco rit.* *a tempo*

10 *poco rit.*

S — drops soft - ly on the field, the moon, — it shines up - on the

A — drops soft - ly on the field, the moon, — it shines up - on the

T

B

10 *poco rit.*

13

a tempo

S
fall, _____ the fall.

A
fall, _____ the fall.

T
mp
The fall, _____ the fall.

B
mp
The fall, _____ the fall.

13

a tempo

16

17

S
mf
The tran - quil sounds _____ of rain - fall fills the night,

A
mf
The tran - quil sounds _____ of rain - fall fills the night,

T
mf
The tran - quil sounds _____ of rain - fall fills the night,

B
mf
The tran - quil sounds _____ of rain - fall fills the night,

16

17

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20

f

S
it soars as each new rain-drop trick-les down

A
it soars and takes their place u-pon the ground,

T
it soars as

B
soars

19

delicato

f

L.H.
mp

22

S

A

T
each new rain - drop trick - les down

B
and takes their place u - pon the ground

mf

22