Grade 1½

Music for String Orchestra

Snowglobe

Doug Spata

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I 8
Violin II 8
Violin III (Viola T.C.) 2
Viola 5
Cello 5
Bass 5
Piano (Opt.) 1

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Performance Notes

Pizzicato notes and magical arco melodies fall like gentle snow in this charming selection! A focus on simple rhythms and first finger pattern notes on the D and A strings makes this the perfect piece for your beginners' winter concert. Everyone gets a turn playing the graceful melodies, with optional support from a sparkling piano part. This is a great way for students to show off newly learned fundamental skills.

About the Composer

Though he is a clarinetist by training, Doug Spata's experience as an orchestra teacher has led him to compose primarily for strings. His unique musical style and attention to pedagogical needs has made his works favorites among teachers, students, and audiences and his award-winning music has been performed around the U.S. and the world. Besides music for student musicians, Mr. Spata has composed an opera, ballet scores, symphonies, and many other orchestral and chamber works for ensembles of all sizes.

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