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# *Whispering Hope*

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FLUTE AND PIANO

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MELODY BY ALICE HAWTHORNE, 1868

## Notes:

This is one of the first pieces of music I learned when I began playing flute at age 10. Musical entertainment followed every great Holiday dinner at my grandparent's house, with my grandmother (Nana) playing piano, my mother singing with her beautiful voice, and I on the flute. Whispering Hope was my grandfather's favorite piece, and since he was 20 years older than my grandmother, we made sure he got to hear it every time we were together! It has remained my personal favorite, as well. I feel it is important to include the first verse of the words, since I cannot help but 'sing' them while I play the flute line. It reminds me of the saying, "Musician's get to pray twice: once through the music, again through the meaning of words". Although this is not a hymn, per se, it lifts the heart just as beautifully.

"SOFT AS THE VOICE OF AN ANGEL, BREATHING A LESSON UNHEARD—  
HOPE, WITH A GENTLE PERSUASION, WHISPERS HER COMFORTING WORD:  
[MEAS. 29] WAIT TILL THE DARKNESS IS OVER, WAIT TILL THE TEMPEST IS DONE—  
HOPE FOR THE SUNSHINE TOMORROW, AFTER THE SHOWER IS GONE.  
[REFRAIN, LETTER C, AND D] WHISPERING HOPE, OH HOW WELCOME THY VOICE,  
[MEAS. 55, AND 71] MAKING MY HEART—IN ITS SORROW REJOICE!"

## Alice Hawthorne:

Alice Hawthorne was quite a prolific composer in the late 1800's. However, it turns out that "she" was none other than Mr. Septimus Winner, having adopted the female name as one of his many pseudonyms. He was most popular for his ballads published under the pseudonym of Alice Hawthorne.

---Rhonda, July 2006

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