

# Voices Raised

William H. Doane (1832-1915)

Arranged by Jim Lambert

## Program Notes:

The melody of “Voices Raised” is based on the old hymn-tune by William Doane entitled “More Love to Thee.” Being raised in an environment of a small town in West Texas where I was the son of a mom who taught private piano in our home, I heard hymns being performed on the piano everyday. My mom used these hymntunes for sightreading as well as developmental technique on the piano. Although I also learned to play the piano and organ, my first performance love was percussion—so I often tapped inaudible rhythms in my adjacent bedroom alongside the audible rehearsal or performance of these hymntunes while she was teaching her piano lesson in our living room. This childhood memory provided my impetus for an accessible beginning percussion ensemble—based on the melodic-augmentation of a familiar tune from my childhood. I hope you enjoy “Voices Raised.”

## **Performance Notes:**

The xylophone or bell part can also be doubled on any additional keyboard percussion instrument which is available (such as a vibraphone or marimba). Soft mallets should be selected for the xylophone, and if a marimba is used, the performer can roll any note value longer than a half-note. Careful attention to the balance among the percussion instruments should be observed—particularly in playing both the snare drum and the tom-toms softer to balance the timpani and the bass drum. The melodic (or tuneful) percussion instrument should project louder than the composite percussion accompaniment. Have fun and enjoy “Voices Raised.”



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A native of Lampasas, Texas, and a graduate of Monahans (Texas) High School (*valedictorian of his class*), Jim Lambert earned the Bachelor of Music Education degree (*magna cum laude*) from Baylor University in 1973, the Master of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1975, and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1983. His percussion teachers have included Dr. Larry Vanlandingham, Professor Lynn Glassock, Dr. Richard Gipson, and Don Canedy. **Dr. Lambert is a contributing editor to *The Instrumentalist* magazine**, an associate editor of ***Percussive Notes*** journal, and has previously served five two-year terms as a member of the Percussive Arts Society's International Board of Directors.

In 1995, Dr. Lambert was presented the Governor's Arts Award by Henry Bellmon for his many efforts on behalf of Percussive Arts Society. For the past twelve years, Dr. Lambert has been the editor of the newsletter of the Fellowship of Christian Percussionists, and he also volunteers his time to be the band director at Lawton Christian School.

Lambert has been featured with his wife Doris (soprano and pianist) in solo faculty percussion recitals at Cameron University on numerous occasions. In December, 2003, Dr. Lambert completed a two-year term as a committee member to the Faculty Advisory Council for the State of Oklahoma Board of Higher Regents. He has served as Chair of the 2005-06 Cameron University Faculty Senate. Jim Lambert is married to **Doris Lynn Lambert** (*soprano, pianist, adjunct voice faculty at Cameron University, and church choir director at nearby Fort Sill's New Post Chapel*), and they are the proud parents of University of Oklahoma senior pre-pharmacy major **Rachel Elizabeth**, who is flute section leader of the University of Oklahoma Marching Band. Doris Lambert is the owner of *Bill's Quick Lube* at 2510 West Gore, Lawton.

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