



# **For The Solo Line**

*The first of Three Suites*

*by Peter Billam*

**for flute, violin or other melody instrument**

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## Three Suites

The first suite is for the solo line; flute or violin would be ideal. The movements are marked *Running*, *Singing* and *Dancing*. On recorder, the first and last movements lie within the range of the alto recorder, and the second movement can be played as is on the tenor; however, the recorder player may prefer to play it transposed up five semitones on the alto, which usually has a far sweeter melodic tone. On wind instruments, unmarked breaths will be needed. In some places, if the player prefers, quavers can even be omitted; a quaver that repeats a recent note should be chosen. On the piano, this suite can be played one octave down by the right hand alone, or evenly divided between the hands. Versions are also available one octave down in the alto clef, for viola, and two octaves down in the bass clef, for cello, or left-handed piano, and eight semitones down for the guitar.

The second suite is for piano alone. The movements are marked *Turbulent*, *Calm* and *Luminous*. The first movement almost lies within four octaves and can be played on other keyboards, for example a harpsichord; in the second and third movements the composer was tempted by the extra compass and sustain of the piano.

The third suite is for piano and a solo line; again, flute or violin would be ideal. The notes do lie within the compass of the alto recorder, but the execution would be difficult on that instrument. The movements are marked *Fluent*, *Broad* and *Wild*.

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## Running

The musical score for 'Running' is written for a solo line in treble clef. It consists of 11 staves of music. The piece begins with a 14/8 time signature. The first two staves contain the initial melodic line. The third staff starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, followed by a 20/8 time signature. The fourth staff continues with a 22/8 time signature, followed by a 14/8 time signature. The fifth staff begins with a measure rest of 10 measures, followed by an 18/8 time signature. The sixth staff has a 14/8 time signature. The seventh staff has a 22/8 time signature, followed by a 14/8 time signature. The eighth staff starts with a measure rest of 15 measures, followed by an 18/8 time signature. The ninth staff has a 14/8 time signature. The tenth staff has a 23/8 time signature, followed by a 14/8 time signature. The final staff has an 18/8 time signature, followed by a 16/8 time signature. The music is characterized by a continuous eighth-note or sixteenth-note rhythmic pattern with various accidentals (sharps, flats, naturals) and occasional rests.

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*Singing*

The musical score consists of 12 staves of music. The notation includes various rhythmic values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 are clearly marked. The key signature features one sharp (F#) and one flat (Bb). The score concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

*Dancing*

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*f* *p*

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Detailed description: The score is written in 8/8 time and consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 7-measure rest. The melody is primarily eighth-note based. Measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 are placed above the staves. Dynamic markings *f* (forte) and *p* (piano) are used. A repeat sign with first and second endings is present at measures 10-11 and 35-36. The piece concludes with a final cadence at measure 45.

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**Peter Billam** was born in London in 1948, studied piano, and lived in Switzerland from 1973 to 1983, where he studied composition, classical guitar, flute and voice, worked as Musical Director of the *Théâtre Populaire Romand*, and as recording engineer, record producer and computer programmer. He moved to Tasmania in 1983, and lectured in composition at the Conservatorium. He founded **www.pjb.com.au**, becoming the first composer to sell scores on-line, taking scores from Composer to Performer in one immediate step. *Www.pjb.com.au* offers a new approach to music publishing. These pieces are **written to be read, made to be played !**

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