



For The Solo Line

The first of Three Suites
by Peter Billam

for violoncello or other bass 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 in bass clef and consists of ten staves of music. The piece begins with a 14/8 time signature. The first staff contains measures 1 through 4. The second staff contains measures 5 through 8. The third staff starts with a measure rest for 5 measures, followed by measures 9 through 12, which include a 13/8 time signature change. The fourth staff contains measures 13 through 16, with a 22/8 time signature change at the start. The fifth staff contains measures 17 through 20, with a 14/8 time signature change at the start. The sixth staff contains measures 21 through 24, with a 22/8 time signature change at the start. The seventh staff contains measures 25 through 28, with a 14/8 time signature change at the start. The eighth staff contains measures 29 through 32, with a 18/8 time signature change at the start. The ninth staff contains measures 33 through 36, with a 23/8 time signature change at the start. The tenth and final staff contains measures 37 through 40, with a 16/8 time signature change at the start. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

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50

Detailed description: This page contains the musical score for measures 25 through 50 of the first movement of the first suite from Peter Billam's Three Suites. The music is written for a bass clef instrument. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score consists of ten staves of music. Measure numbers 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 are indicated at the beginning of their respective staves. The time signature is 8/8, with several changes: 12/8 at measure 32, 14/8 at measure 39, 13/8 at measure 47, and 6/8 at measure 50. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several accidentals (sharps and flats) throughout the piece.

Singing

Musical score for the 'Singing' section, written in bass clef. The score consists of ten staves of music, with measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 indicated. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several instances of triplets and a 3/4 time signature change. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Dancing

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f *p*

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8/8

Musical score for bass clef, measures 50-85. The score consists of ten staves of music. Measure numbers 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, and 80 are indicated above the staves. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 10/8, with a 12/8 section starting at measure 80. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several accidentals (sharps and flats) throughout the piece. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

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. *Wwww.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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Arrangements include: By J. S. Bach: *Trio BWV 655*, piano and flute; *Vor deinen Thron BWV 668*, piano; *Fugue in F minor BWV 689*, SATB recorders; *Four Duets BWV 802-5*, keyboard; *Six Preludes and Fugues* from Book I, keyboard; *Flute Sonata BWV 1031* transposed into G major for alto recorder and keyboard; *Flute Sonata BWV 1032* completed by Peter Billam for flute and keyboard, also in C major for alto recorder, and in G major for descant; *Ricercare a 3*, from the *Musikalisches Opfer* for keyboard; *Ricercare a 6*, for sSATBG recorders, or strings, or two keyboards; and *Fuga Canonica in Epidiapente*; from the *Art of Fugue: Contrapuncti 1, 4 and 9* for keyboard, and *Contrapunctus 14* as completed by D. F. Tovey, for keyboard, or for SATB recorders, or for strings; *Passacaglia and Fugue in c* for piano four hands; *Chorales with Descant* for melody instrument and piano; *Cello Suites I, II and III* for flute or alto recorder, *Forty Chorales* for piano, *Der Geist hilft* for SATB-SATB recorders. By Brahms: *Fugue in Ab minor for organ*, for SATB recorders and gamba, in A minor; *Choralvorspiele for organ* plus settings by Isaac, Bach, Praetorius, recorders. *John Carr*, *Divisions on an Italian Ground*, flute or recorder and guitar. Franz Liszt, *Late piano pieces*, G.F. Händel: *Concerto Grosso in A minor* op 6 no 4, harpsichord and recorders; *Recorder Sonata in Bb* no 5, in G for tenor recorder and keyboard. Claudio Monteverdi, *Ecco Mormorar l'Onde*, SSATB recorders. Arnold Schoenberg: *Verklärte Nacht* for piano. Franz Schubert: *Four Songs*, voice and guitar; *Dances*, recorders and guitar, *Dances*, piano 4 hands. Scriabin, *Two Preludes op.67*; *Five Preludes op.74*, piano. Telemann, *Twelve Flute Fantasias*, recorder. Wilbye, *Draw on sweet Night*, SSATTB recorders, and for flute choir. *Twelve Italian Songs*, voice and guitar; *Seven English Songs*, voice and guitar; *Fourteen Folk Dance Tunes*, recorder and guitar; *Bushband Dances*, violin, accordeon and banjo; *Easy Classical Pieces*, Bb trumpet and piano; *Famous Beginnings*, for piano.

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