Music Box

August 17, 2014

Laura Anderson, soprano Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Samuel Barber took piano lessons at the age of six and began composing at age seven. In his spare time he studied cello. It became harder and harder to find friends and family members who would sign an affidavit saying the kid had no musical talent. As a music student at the Curtis Institute, he discovered he had a fine singing voice, gave public recitals, and very nearly derailed his career into singing. Not that he mightn't have had a fine singing career, but, luckily for us, his exceptional talent for composition nudged him in that direction instead. However, he much enjoyed composing for the voice, and we reap the benefit this very day, with some of his loveliest vocal music in the care of our exceptionally talented soprano, Laura Anderson.

As a matter of interest, in 1943 he was drafted into the Army Air Force. He was assigned to Ft. Worth, Texas, where he wrote his Second Symphony. The Boston Symphony Orchestra, directed by Serge Koussevitsky, later performed it in Boston and New York, but not many liked it, including Barber himself. Twenty-four years later, he withdrew and destroyed the manuscript and performance materials. It is tempting to blame Ft. Worth, or even the state of Texas, for this singular misfire, but I think we should appear to withhold judgment until a respectable interval of time has passed.

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Monday morning, August 11, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HYMNS?

Dentist's Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn There Shall Be Showers of Blessing
Contractor's HymnThe Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's HymnHoly, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn Open My Eyes That I Might See
The Tax Man's Hymn I Surrender All
The Gossip's HymnPass It On
The Electrician's Hymn Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's HymnI've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists HymnHe Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway, a few hymns:

55 mph	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	Precious Memories

William B. Rolland

See you in church,

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Visitation Group* members are invited to gather on **Monday, August 25, 1-2 pm.** *Prayer Circle* members are invited to gather on **Wednesday, August 27, 10:30-11:30 am.** Each group will meet in the Multipurpose Room at CitF to celebrate, chat and consider supportive resources about the visitation as well as the prayer ministry. Please respond to Sherry — citf@mbay.net or 624-1374.

SAVE THE DATE: CitF annual Fall Party, **Sunday, September 14, 2014,** at the home of Joe and Marilee Wandke. More info to follow!

		Calendar	
Sunday,	August 17, 2014		
8:30 AM	Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. The Gospel of Matthew		
	The Light of the World. Matthew 5: 14-15		
9:15 AM	Music Prelude		
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer		
Passages	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Psalm: 133; Matthew 15: 21-28		
	Lector	Ken Harrison	
	Crucifer	Judy Fletcher	
	Flowers	Lloyd Nattkemper	
	Cookies	Michele & Bob Axley	
	Altar Care	Martha Jordan	
	Ushers	Bob and Cynthia Perry	
Sermon	The Rev Ken Feske		
Title	"A Canine-ite Faith"		