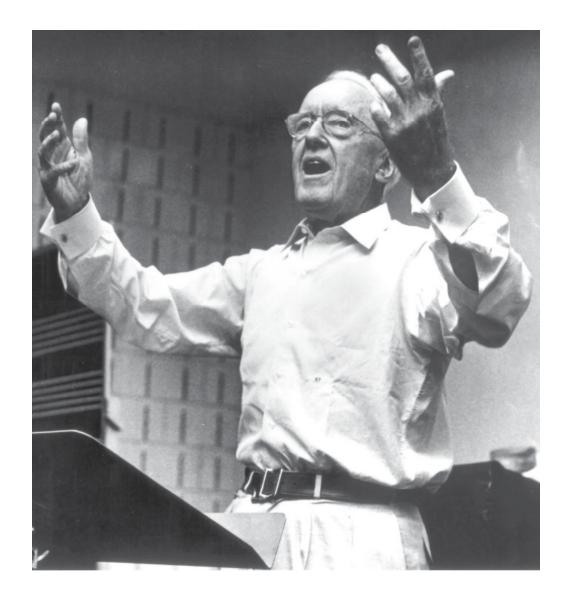
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1938 arr. 1998 3'36"

### **Velvet Shoes**

Let us walk in the white snow In a soundless space; With footsteps quiet and slow, At a tranquil pace, Under veils of white lace.

I shall go shod in silk And you in wool White as a white cow's milk, More beautiful Than the breast of a gull.

We shall walk in velvet shoes: Wherever we go Silence will fall like dews On the white silence below. We shall walk in the snow.

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Randall Thompson (born in New York City on April 21, 1899; died in Boston on July 9, 1984), eminent American composer, was educated at Harvard University (B.A. 1920; M.A. 1922). His teachers there included Walter R. Spalding, Edward B. Hill, and Archibald T. Davison. He also studied with Ernest Bloch. From 1922 to 1925, Thompson held a fellowship at the American Academy in Rome, and he twice won a Guggenheim Fellowship (1929, 1930). From 1927-1929 and again in 1936-1937, he was assistant professor of music at Wellesley College. Other academic positions included professorships at the University of California, Berkeley (1937-1939) and Princeton University (1946-1948). From 1939 to 1941, Thompson was director of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and then became head of the music division of the School of Fine Arts of the University of Virginia (1941–1946). In 1945 he was appointed Walter Bigelow Rosen Professor of Music at Harvard University and became Professor Emeritus at the close of the 1964-65 year. Thompson received numerous awards and honorary doctoral degrees from American colleges and universities including Yale, Harvard, and the New England Conservatory of Music. In 1959, the Italian Government named Randall Thompson Cavaliere Ufficiale al Merito della Repubblica Italiana. He was a member of The National Institute of Arts and Letters and of The American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

### **David A. Seitz** (b. 1943)

For biographical information about the arranger, please visit this Web site. <a href="http://www.ecspublishing.com/compBiosS.html#seitz">http://www.ecspublishing.com/compBiosS.html#seitz</a>

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