

## **Vyvirian Folk Songs**

**Vyvirian Folk Songs** (2015) is the product of the time I spent while participating in the 2015 Snow Pond Music Festival, which for the first time hosted a workshop for composers. The name Vyvirian Folk Songs was made up after much experimentation and though, many hours of staring at the manuscript and asking what this piece was. I realized that I felt this piece was at heart comprised of folk songs (but not of any country known). As a result, I was trying to create the name of some distant land that sounded believable but exotic, Vyviria. I was very fortunate to have had this piece performed internationally by Dr. Christine Gustafson who you will hear in this recording.

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