### **RBC SYMPHONIC BAND SERIES**

Grade 3

## **DOWN LONGFORD WAY**

and

# SHENANDOAH

Percy Aldridge Grainger

transcribed by Leroy Osmon



### **DOWN LONGFORD WAY/SHENANDOAH**

#### Instrumentation

- 1 Full Score
- 6 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 1 English Horn\* (substitute for Soprano Saxophone)
- 3 Bb Clarinet 1
- 3 Bb Clarinet 2
- 3 Bb Clarinet 3
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 1 Eb Contra Bass Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 1 Eb Alto Saxophone\*
  (substitute for Soprano Saxophone)
- 1 Bb Soprano Saxophone
- 2 Eb Alto Saxophone 1
- 2 Eb Alto Saxophone 2
- 2 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 1 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 3 Bb Trumpet 1
- 3 Bb Trumpet 2
- 3 Bb Trumpet 3
- 2 F Horn 1
- 2 F Horn 2
- 2 Trombone 1
- 2 Trombone 2
- 2 Trombone 3
- 2 Baritone B.C.
- 1 Baritone T.C.
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Timpani
- 4 Percussion

Bells, Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Gong

#### DOWN LONGFORD WAY/SHENANDOAH

Percy Grainger (born July 8, 1882 Brighton, Melbourne, Australia, died February 20, 1961 White Plains, New York) left a wealth of music of which much remains to this day in manuscripts or out of print. World famous during his lifetime as a concert pianist, an arranger of folk-music and composer of lighter or "minor masterpieces," the majority of his work remains unheard.

Grainger has not been without his champions. In 1917 Charles Buchanan wrote in an article titled *A PLAY BOY GROWS UP* ". . . he is the composer of two of the most vital symphonic compositions of our time, yet is still looked upon as the composer of 'MOCK MORRIS' or 'MOLLY ON THE SHORE'." It is important to note that the band works he is best known for today had yet to be composed when this was written. In the *JULLIARD REVIEW* (FALL 1955) Richard Franko Goldman wrote:

Nearly everyone, musical or not, knows *COUNTRY GARDENS*, and it is probable that most people associate the name of Percy Grainger with that appealing piece. Grainger has a world-wide reputation, rather like that of Sousa or of Johann Strauss: each is a genial composer of pleasant music in a specialized view. To have such a reputation is undeniably, no sad fate, but in Grainger's case it is so partial a recognition of artistic accomplishment that one is forced to reflect on the obscurity created by the wrong kind of fame.

The two works transcribed here fall into the area of obscurity (*Down Longford Way*) and neglect (*Shenandoah*). *Down Longford Way* was collected by Katherine Parker. In 1912 Grainger met the Parknook, Tasmania-born pianist in London. She was a scholarship winner from the Melbourne Conservatorium and one of only a few of Grainger's students he held any hope for as a performer. She set a collection of native Tasmanian songs from her homeland and the *Down Longford Way* is presumably one of them. Percy orchestrated and reworked the harmonies in 1936. There is evidence that he conducted the setting on some of his concerts. The choral setting of *Shenandoah*, on the other hand, was at one time performed in both England and abroad, although never published in his lifetime. It is listed in Teresa Balough's *CATALOGUE OF THE WORKS OF PERCY GRAINGER* (Music Monograph 2, University of Western Australia) as an unnumbered sea chanty collected in 1906 from the singing of Charles Rosher and scored in 1907 for solo male voice, unison male chorus, and six accompanying male singers.

For additional information on Grainger I would highly recommend the definitive biography *PERCY GRAINGER* by John Bird (Faber and Faber 1982). To support continued performances, recordings, publications, scholarly research as well as maintenance and upkeep on the Grainger home in White Plains, New York, I would equally recommend membership in the International Percy Grainger Society. Membership forms may be obtained upon request from:

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This is a Tasmanian folk song collected by Katharine Parker and scored for orchestra by Percy Grainger in 1936.

# **Down Longford Way**

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Trb. Bar. Tuba Perc. 10030 4-6





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A windlass chanty collected by Charles Rosher and noted down from his singing by Percy Grainger, July 24, 1906. Scored for solo male voice, unison male chorus, and six accompanying male singers in 1907.

## Shenandoah









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