

**NAOMI LAVIOLETTE**

**ANGEL IN THE SNOW**

*for SATB Mixed Choir, Solo Vocal and Piano*

*Choral Arrangement by Ethan Sperry*

Naomi LaViolette Choral Work

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## ANGEL IN THE SNOW

A meditative and haunting winter-themed song about loss, beauty, and release, set in the Mixolydian mode. Music and lyrics by Naomi LaViolette. Choral parts by Ethan Sperry.

*Wrapped in the beauty, everything is white  
Lost in a blanket from the sky  
An elusive path led me here  
All I bring along is hope  
Nothing is clear*

*Surrender to a fragile miracle  
Make an angel in the snow  
Surrender, it's just one day to let go*

*Branches of lace, deep in the evergreen  
A cathedral ceiling high above me  
For a little while fears are frozen  
Lying here in a dark storm's creation*

*After this, the world seems brighter  
And somehow my steps are lighter*

## ABOUT THE COMPOSER - NAOMI LAVIOLETTE



*"Naomi LaViolette is among the very finest musicians with whom I've worked during my long career. A superlative pianist and composer/arranger, Naomi is acclaimed for her musicality and is a leading figure in the artistic culture of Portland, Oregon. I am honored to be her colleague and friend."*

**- Dr. Morten Lauridsen**

*Recipient, 2007 National Medal of Arts*

*Recipient, ASCAP Foundation "Life in Music" Award*

*Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Composition, USC Thornton School of Music*

Naomi LaViolette's compositions have been performed worldwide in professional, amateur, sacred and scholastic settings. In 2018, her piece "*Melancholy Flower*," co-composed with Steven Craig Goodwin, was included in Gothic Records release of the *Shadows on the Stars* album by Oregon Repertory Singers, winner of the American Prize. She studied Music Theory and Composition while pursuing her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Piano Performance, and her professional work as a choral accompanist and chamber musician since 2001 greatly influences her composing. She is a published composer with Santa Barbara Music Publishing, the composer and arranger for the Oregon Symphony Lullaby Project, and the accompanist for the Oregon Repertory Singers since 2004. Her music for choirs, chamber ensembles, soloists, and orchestras reflect an authentic connection to nature, spirituality and humanity. To inquire about commissioning a work, contact Naomi through her website, [www.naomilmusic.com](http://www.naomilmusic.com).

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For SATB Mixed Choir, Alto Solo, Piano and Djembe

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**QUIET "SNOWFALL" INTRO:**  
Measures 1-4 sung out of rhythm, improvised style

A tempo  
♩ = 65

**Soprano**  
*p*  
Snow Snow Snow Snow Snow Snow Snow

**Alto**  
*p*  
Snow Snow Snow

**Tenor**  
*p*  
Oh

**Bass**  
*p*  
Oh

**Piano**  
*mp*  
Improvise in B Mixolydian until cue at measure 4  
Smoothly, with harmonious pedal

**Alto Solo**  
**A**  
*mp*  
Wrapped in the beau - ty Ev ery thing is white

**S.**

**A.**  
*mp*  
Ooh

**T.**  
*mp*  
Ooh

**B.**  
*mp*  
Ooh

**Pno.**  
*mp*  
Smoothly, with harmonious pedal

**B**

14 2

Alto Solo

Lost in a blan - ket from the sky An e - lu - sive path

S. S1:Ooh S2:Ooh Ooh

A. A1:Ooh A2:Ooh Ooh

T. Ooh Ooh

B. Ooh Ooh

Pno.

20

Alto Solo

led me here All I bring a - long is hope no - thing is clear

S. here S1:All S2:All

A. led me here is hope

T. led me here Oh

B. led me here Oh

Pno.



26

Alto Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

Oh Sur - ren - der to a fra - gile mi - ra - cle, make an an - gel in the snow.

Oh Sur - ren - der to a fra - gile mi - ra - cle, make an an - gel in the snow.

Oh Sur - ren - der to a fra - gile mi - ra - cle, make an an - gel in the snow.

Sur - ren - der to a fra - gile mi - ra - cle, make an an - gel in the snow.

31

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

Djembe

Bass tone

Sur - ren - der it's just one day \_\_\_\_\_ to let\_ go. let\_ go.

Sur - ren - der it's just one day \_\_\_\_\_ to let\_ go. let\_ go.

Sur - ren - der it's just one day \_\_\_\_\_ to let\_ go. let\_ go.

Sur - ren - der it's just one day \_\_\_\_\_ to let\_ go. let\_ go.

**D**

364

S. *mp*  
let go. let go. Bran - ches of lace. Deep in the e - ver - green

A. *mf*  
let go. let go. Bran - ches of lace deep in the e - ver - green

T. *mp*  
let go. let go. Bran - ches of 'ches of lace e - ver - green

B. *mf*  
let go. let go. Bran - ches of lace deep in the e - ver - green

Pno. *mf*

Djembe Rim slap  
Repeat with similar patterns. Emphasize syncopations. Laid back vibe.

41

S. e - ver - green ca - the - dral high a - bove me.

A. *mp*  
A ca - the - dral cei - ling high a - bove a - bove me

T. *mp*  
e - ver - green ca - the - dral high a - bove me.

B. *mp*  
A ca - the - dral cei - ling high a - bove a - bove me

Pno.

Djembe 4 8

46 **E** *mf* *mp* 5

S. For a lit-tle while fears\_ are fro - zen\_ fro- (o) zen\_ ly-ing here

A. Lit - tle while\_ fea - (ears) are\_ fro- (o) zen\_ Ly - ing here in a

T. *mf* *mp* For a lit-tle while fears\_ are fro - zen\_ fro-zen Ly - ing here\_

B. *mf* For a while\_ For a while\_ fro - (o) - zen\_ fro - (o) - zen\_ Ly - ing here in a

Pno.

Djembe 12

51 *mf* **F**

S. dark storm's cre - a - tion\_ Sur - ren - der to a fra gile mi - ra-cle, Make an

A. dark storm's cre - a - tion\_ Sur - ren - der to a fra gile mi - ra-cle, Make an

T. *mf* da - (ark) - storm's cre - a - tion\_ Sur - ren - der to a fra gile mi - ra-cle, Make an

B. dark storm's cre - a - tion\_ Sur - ren - der to a fra gile mi - ra-cle, Make an

Pno. *f*

Djembe 16

56 6

S. an - gel in the snow \_\_\_\_\_ Sur - ren - der, it's just one day \_\_\_\_\_ to let\_ go\_.

A. an - gel in the snow \_\_\_\_\_ Sur - rend - der, it's just one day \_\_\_\_\_ to let\_ go\_.

T. an - gel in the snow \_\_\_\_\_ Sur - ren - der, it's just one day \_\_\_\_\_ to let\_ go\_.

B. an - gel in the snow \_\_\_\_\_ Sur - ren - der, it's just one day \_\_\_\_\_ to let\_ go\_.

Pno.

Djembe

20

61

Alto Solo

S. Snow \_\_\_\_\_ snow \_\_\_\_\_ snow

A. Snow \_\_\_\_\_ Snow \_\_\_\_\_ snow \_\_\_\_\_

T. Snow \_\_\_\_\_ Snow \_\_\_\_\_ snow \_\_\_\_\_

B. Snow \_\_\_\_\_ Snow \_\_\_\_\_ snow \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

Djembe

24 28

66

Alto Solo

Snow snow snow

S.

S2:Snow S1:Snow snow

A.

A2:Snow A1:Snow

T.

Snow snow

B.

snow snow

Pno.

Djembe

70

H

S.

ren - der to a fra-gile mi - ra-cle, Make an an-gel in the snow Sur-ren - der, it's just one day to

A.

ren - der to a fra-gile mi - ra-cle, Make an an-gel in the snow Sur-rend - der, it's just one day to

T.

mp

Sur-ren-der to a fra-gile mi - ra-cle Make an an-gel, an-gel in the snow. Sur-ren-der, it's just one, one day to

B.

mp

Sur-ren-der to a fra-gile mi - ra-cle Make an an-gel, An-gel in the snow Sur-ren-der, it's just one, one day to

Pno.



88 **J**

S. *p* Snow Snow Snow Snow Snow Snow

A. *p* Snow Snow

T. *p* Oh

B. *p* Oh

Pno.

*Sopranos/Altos: Meas. 89-91 sung individually at random like intro*

91 **rit.**

S. Snow Snow

A. Snow

T.

B.

Pno.