

# Kateri's Lullaby

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Duration: ca. 6 minutes

*Kateri's Lullaby* was written in honor of my niece, Kateri, who was four years old at the time. Kateri is a sweet little girl who has been on an incredible medical journey in her short life. As an infant, she was diagnosed with biliary atresia, a rare but life-threatening disease, and got a liver transplant at nine months. Since then, she has experienced countless hospital visits, all kinds of tests, and numerous daily medications to keep her healthy and prevent transplant rejection. Kateri has been through more than anyone her age should have to experience, but in many ways, she's a completely normal child who loves dressing like Disney princesses, playing games, and cuddling with her grandma. In this piece, I wanted to capture both her bravery in facing what is often an all-consuming medical condition as well as the normalcy and innocence of her childhood.

*Kateri's Lullaby* was written for the wind ensemble of the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestras and was premiered in Macky Auditorium, in Boulder, CO on April 30, 2017.

## Instrumentation:

Flute 1, 2

Oboe

Clarinet 1, 2

Bassoon 1, 2

Trumpet 1, 2

Horn 1, 2

Tuba

Percussion