# Pocket Poems

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David von Kampen



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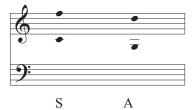
# About the composer

David von Kampen (b. 1986) is a composer from Lincoln, Nebraska. David's creative work spans a wide variety of genres and styles, including jazz, choral music, hymnody and liturgy, solo voice, chamber music, and musical theater. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Kansas, and Master's and Bachelor's degrees from the University of Nebraska. He has studied composition with James Barnes, Dan Gailey, Forrest Pierce, Eric Richards, and Randall Snyder.

David is a six-time Downbeat Award winner in graduate-level jazz writing categories, a three-time winner of the Vancouver Chamber Choir Young Composers Competition, and was named the MTNA Distinguished Composer of the Year for his song cycle "Under the Silver and Home Again." He has been among ten winners of the ORTUS International New Music Competition, the recipient of an ASCAP Young Jazz Composer award, winner of the San Francisco Choral Artists New Voices Project, winner of the National Band Association's Young Jazz Composers Competition, and received Honorable Mention in the New York Youth Symphony First Music Commissions. Puddin' and the Grumble, David's original musical with playwright Becky Boesen, was one of seven finalists for the Richard Rodgers award.

David has over 80 choral and instrumental compositions and arrangements published with Walton Music, G. Schirmer, Hal Leonard, Concordia Publishing House, Pavane Publishing, UNC Jazz Press, Graphite, MusicSpoke, and others. His music has been performed by the KHORIKOS Vocal Ensemble, the L.A. Choral Lab, KC VITAs Chamber Choir, the Taiwan Youth Festival Chorus, San Francisco Choral Artists, the U.S. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble, the Vancouver Chamber Choir, and by collegiate, all-state, high school, and church ensembles throughout the United States and internationally. David is a lecturer of music theory and literature at the University of Nebraska, where he teaches a variety of music courses and directs the award-winning UNL Jazz Singers. He also serves as Music Coordinator for Sanctuary Worship at Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln. David is a member of ASCAP, the Jazz Education Network, and the American Choral Directors Association. He is active as a conductor and pianist, and as a clinician for vocal and instrumental ensembles. He lives in Lincoln with his wife Mollie and three daughters. Visit: www.DavidvonKampen.com to learn more.

## Ranges





# I. I'm Glad the Sky Is Painted Blue

Anonymous David von Kampen



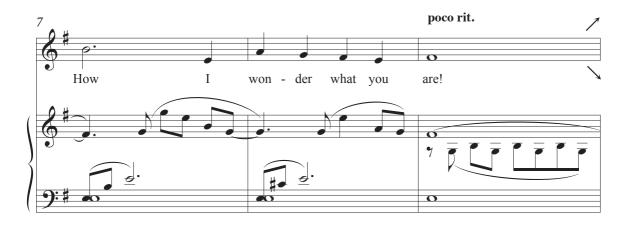




# II. Little Star

Jane Taylor (1806) David von Kampen









# III. Down, Down!

Eleanor Farjeon (1926)

David von Kampen





# IV. In the Hedge









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### **Poems**

### I'm Glad the Sky is Painted Blue

I'm glad the sky is painted blue, And the earth is painted green, With such a lot of nice fresh air All sandwiched in between.

-author unknown

### Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are! Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky.

-Jane Taylor (1806)

### Down, Down!

Down, down! Yellow and brown The leaves are falling Over the town.

-Eleanor Farjeon (1926)

### In the Hedge

Wrens and robins in the hedge, Wrens and robins here and there; Building, perching, pecking, fluttering, Everywhere!

-Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

### Snow in the Garden

Here's the soft snow again. See now, once more, Drifts at the window-pane, Drifts by the door. Run for your wooden spade, Which it may be Silver-sand castles made, Drowned by the sea Build now your tower here; Let it be done Ere it shall disappear Drowned by the sun. All our best castles and Towers end so, Builders in silver-sand, Dreamers in snow! -Eleanor Farjeon (1926)