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Eric WHITACRE

(b. 1970)

Choral Music

1	Her Sacred Spirit Soars	6:27
2	A Boy and a Girl	3:20
3	Water Night	4:37
4	This Marriage	2:39
5	Lux aurumque (Light of Gold)	3:22
6	little tree*	5:37
7	When David Heard	12:54
8	Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine†	8:36
9	i thank you God for most this amazing day	6:29
10	Sleep	4:30
11	Little Birds*	3:19

Leslie De'Ath, Piano*
Carol Bauman, Percussion†
Elora Festival Singers
Noel Edison

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Eric Whitacre's dedication to the beauty of sound, paired with exquisite texts, results in a poetic combination that creates a unique sonic experience. These works are existential choral moments, beautifully crafted, and harmonised to express a compressed moment in time. Such sublime sonorities transcend descriptions such as 'warm', 'glistening' or 'shimmering', although these features of his choral works do suggest affinities with the sound worlds of Arvo Pärt or John Tavener, for instance. However, Whitacre's fluid lines and blossoming harmonies give his music its own highly personal and irresistible magic.

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