An Exuberant Triptych

St Peter's Lutheran College Premiere St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, 25th of July, 2008

Program note:

The composer addresses his comments to the young people who will play for you and those who will listen, both the young and the young at heart!

"Youth is an exuberant time! Joy is everywhere; the future is bright; energy is infectious! Troubles may brew and worries might come but there are ways to address those concerns.

There must be a resolve in you to address the moral and ethical dilemmas which will confront you. When those stresses and strains beat upon you and you do not know which way to turn, then you must find peace in your heart and bring that peace to others. Most importantly, there is hope; hope in a world that has more good in it than bad, more wonderful people than those who use others, and more joy than sadness. Find that resolve, that peace and that hope where you can!

I have spoken with you of my faith, the faith your school is founded on. You may like to know my resolve comes from that faith; the peace that fills my heart comes from there too. And my hope is in Christ. In fact, the last line of the song that is heard in the third movement says, 'Christ the babe is born for **you**'. Hope, peace and resolve, for me, reside right there, in Him."

Ralph Hultgren 25th of July 2008

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1 – Resolve

2 – Peace

3 – **Hope**

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