

An Archive of the musical compositions by Herb Bielawa

Composition: **Two Night Songs** – high voice and piano

Rain at Night – Snow at Night

Date: 1951

Duration: 3:55

Recording: by William Miller, tenor, and Herb Bielawa, piano

These two songs were written while at the University of Illinois on poems by my college friend Charles Bergstrom, a student in architecture.

Texts by Charles Bergstrom:

Rain at Night

As I beneath an awning stood, listening to the rain at night,
A rain drop fell upon my coat, and glistened as a diamond should.
Reflecting neon red and blue, it seemed to me to be as true,
But when I thought this is deceit it shattered at my feet.

Snow at Night

A million falling stars the snow, flashing through the lamplight glow.
Each one a precious gem alone thought perfect cut
Remains unknown to those who passing windows
Praise less perfect jewels on which they gaze
For their beauty is the setting
And beauty kept is in the letting.