

Go Ahead and Rejoice (composer's title) by David Avshalomov

Over a period of forty years, I have set to music a number of evocative nature-themed poems by my mother, Doris. This, a paean to the exuberance of entering autumn, is the fifth in that series. A joyous, short, rhythmic, lively, finally exalted piece; dotted with madrigalisms for its images, enjoying its fancy rhyme scheme, and building momentum through its alternating exhortations into a peroration on "come expecting a miracle"—and an astonishing ending.

(Poet's title: Villanelle from an Evangelist)