

Stone Soup
program note

Stone Soup, the old fairy tale I knew as a boy as Nail Broth, is one of the classic trickster stories. It tells of how a wise old tramp manages to charm a rather repressed old lady. I have retold the story here, and have added a violin part which sometimes assumes the role of one of the two principal characters, and sometimes the role of the other. And sometimes, the violin comments on the words and the actions of both. My version of this wonderful old tale is meant to be enjoyed by children of all ages.

Stone Soup was written for and first performed in January of 1997 by violinist David Kim, as a token of appreciation for his wonderful performances of my Violin Concerto a couple of months before.

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