# **Beautiful Blossoms** Waltz

George Rosenkrans, composer Gary Gillett, William Roche, editors

# Instrumentation

Full Score

Piccolo/Flute Oboe Bassoon Clarinet 1 Clarinet 2/3 Bass Clarinet Alto Sax 1 Alto Sax 2 Tenor Sax Baritone Sax Cornet 1 Cornet 2/3 F Horn 1/2 F Horn 3/4 Trombone 1 Trombone 2 Trombone 3 Baritone TC Euphonium Tuba Snare Drum Cymbals, Triangle, Bass Drum



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## **About the Composer**

### **George Rosenkrans**



Rosenkrans lived in poverty much of his life. He was eccentric by many measures. He continued to live in his boyhood home after his parents were gone and eventually slept on the floor in the 1 corner of the house where the roof didn't leak. He is said to have had no vices, had few friends and lived a pretty lonely existence. But he didn't let all this stop him from following his passion for composing. George was given local recognition when a military band performed some of his music while on tour in the vicinity. George didn't attend, afterwards saying that he didn't have suitable clothing.

Late in life, George was a familiar figure making his way to the rehearsals of the Grampion, Pennsylvania band, black satchel in hand, stuffed with manuscript pages of his newest march. Among band members, the memory lingered of giving the music of George Rosenkrans a runthrough more than half a century after he was gone.

# About the Editors

## Gary Gillett and Bill Roche



Bill (L) and Gary (R) are march aficionados. They spend numerous Sunday afternoons modernizing classic marches and sipping tasty cocktails.

At the in-laws' family reunion, Bill was in search of a diversion when he wandered into the Elk County Pennsylvania Historical Museum. As good luck and fortune should happen, he stumbled upon the March King of Bennetts Valley. The marches of George Rosenkrans took possession of their better judgment and

they are glad to share their obsession with march enthusiasts around the world.

Gary is director of the Missoula City Band (Montana) and Bill is the announcer. These George Rosenkrans gems have all been field tested with the Missoula City Band and have our band stamp of approval. From out of the past here is our offering of great Pennsylvania music via Montana.

# About the Music

**Beautiful Blossoms (Waltz)** George Rosenkrans succeeded in capturing the lilting style of the waltz in his Beautiful Blossoms, written during the most active days of his career. George's gift for writing light beautiful melodies reveals itself in this original piece for band and his love of town bands is clearly evident.

#### "Beautiful Blossoms" Waltz





















