

Melia Watras: Berceuse for violin and viola (2015)

World Premiere:

Michael Jinsoo Lim, violin; Melia Watras, viola; April 3, 2016, Seattle, WA

Duration: 2:50

Program Notes:

Berceuse for violin and viola is an adaptation of the original voice and viola version of the piece, which I wrote for the fantastic folk singer Galia Arad. The piece first took shape while I was practicing the exquisite fourth movement lullaby of Robert Schumann's *Märchenbilder*. Galia's folk style was very much in my mind as I composed.

Violinist Michael Jinsoo Lim and I have been performing together since we met in our freshman year at Indiana University, so it was a natural fit to adapt *Berceuse* for violin and viola. Mike also exchanged bow for pen, as the author of the text for the vocal version of the piece.

—Melia Watras