

*Melted into Dreams* was written thanks to the Commissioning Club of the Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester, MN, Rick Kvam, director. (Commissioning Club members include Joseph & Lois Duffy, Randall & Marcia Edson, Tom & Lynne Gaffey, Andrew & Alison Good, Mary Ellen Malkasian, John & Joyce Penniston, Ed & Jayne Pompeian, and David & Jane Toft.) The work was premiered by the Choral Arts Ensemble on March 24, 2001, at Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN.

duration: c. 5:00

Our revels now are ended: these our actors  
...were all spirits and  
Are melted into air, into thin air;  
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision  
The cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces,  
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,  
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,  
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,  
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff  
As dreams are made of, and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep.

The Tempest; IV, i  
William Shakespeare