

Title of Piece (date of completion) (and movements if applicable):	Let These Words Ring True (2007)
Instrumentation:	Concert Band
Duration:	5 minutes
Commissioned by:	Ben Franklin Junior High School, Stevens Point, WI (Steven Wenzel and Dale Emrick, conductors)
Premiered:	February 7, 2008
Other:	This piece is based upon the life and words of Benjamin Franklin. A narrator is required for this work.
Program Notes:	<p>Benjamin Franklin never forgot January 29, 1774. News of the Boston Tea Party had reached government officials in London two days earlier. As an ambassador from the colonies, Franklin was summoned before the British Privy Council in London to answer to these and other charges.</p> <p>The hearing was unprecedented in its ferocity. For an hour, the British prosecutor relentlessly humiliated Franklin, calling him a liar, a thief, an instigator of the treason in Boston, and an outcast among honest men. The audience cheered and howled at each insult. The diatribe was so condemning the London press wouldn't print it.</p> <p>Throughout the brutal tirade, Franklin stood in silence. It was the last time Franklin would remain silent. Franklin had always considered himself loyal to the British crown, however he left the Privy Council that day as an</p>

	American. His words, wisdom and common sense from this day forward would spark a revolution and forge a new nation.
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