

Terrifically  
Energetic, with  
Riotous laughter and unbelievably  
Rich liturgical knowledge,  
You bring us to a deeper understanding of the words.

Music is second nature,  
Arising out from your fingertips to the keys,  
Cascading from your throat to our ears molding our voices into  
Accord;  
Rhythms that are perfectly off-balance, always challenging us,  
To dance beyond our comfort zones: what joy!  
Humbly submitting this offerings--a form you inspired--the  
Ulterior motive is deep gratitude for knowing you better, the Brahms  
Requiem, an occasional coffee, your wise counsel, and surely more music to come.

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