

ONE LIFE BEAUTIFUL

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One Life Beautiful -- The title itself is a double-entendre which in one sense is referring to the person this work is dedicated to as in "one life" that was beautifully lived. The other sense is a direct observation concluding that having only one life is what makes life so sacred, tragic and so very precious. This is an impressionistic work musically describing that condition.

Shakespeare's "sweet sorrow," the frailty and strength of life, the meaning of what it is to truly live
One Life Beautiful.

One Life Beautiful was written in memory of Heather Cramer Reu for her "one life beautiful" that brought so much love and joy to our lives. The piece was commissioned by Ray and Molly Cramer, husband Phillip Reu and children, and brother Jeremy, his wife, Michelle, and children.

- Program Note by composer