

## **More About DIME VARIATIONS**

**DIME VARIATIONS** was originally written as a contest piece for a talented pair of flutists in a middle school band, where I had a long-term substituting gig after my retirement from full-time teaching. Then it had languished in the drawer for several years afterwards, until I decided to make it available through Dacker Music.

This grade 3 duet is appropriate for all high school and advanced middle school students. The theme and first 5 variations, in the key of C minor, give the students a chance to experience the different forms of the minor scale, independent parts that cross occasionally, and some minor dissonance as the theme goes through various permutations on its way to a tempo boost in the fifth variation, then a lift into a bright C major for a race to the finish in the final 2 variations.