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Rain In My Head - Program Note

Rain In My Head was inspired by the Shel Silverstein poem "Rain" and harpist Emily Hoile. In the Silverstein poem, the feeling of rain or something "else" holding your mind or brain down is described, which I found very intriguing. I cannot put into words exactly why I was so attracted to this poem and the feeling it describes, however I feel that it is a feeling that we all have at some point in our lifetimes. The last line of the poem reads "since there's rain in my head."

Rain In My Head was written in the fall of 2011 in New York City and is dedicated to one of my best friends, Emily Hoile, who premiered the work in March 2012 at The Juilliard School in New York, NY.