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Ref: LXXVIII – Thy Sweet Graces Graced Be

I commissioned a piece of piano music from Daniel to celebrate my wife, Penny's, birthday: leaving the form and style very much to the composer's discretion. The resulting composition – entitled LXXVIII *thy sweet graces graced be* (a reference to Shakespeare's seventy-eighth sonnet) – is truly delightful and was beyond anything I had expected. The piece, which takes the form of a theme with three variations, is loosely inspired by Penny and our three children. The music is sensitive and in parts very evocative; written to be within and yet stretch Penny's capabilities as a pianist.

The composition was commissioned at very short notice and yet was delivered on time, in the form of a score with some accompanying notes and a CD. Both Penny and I were very moved by the end result and cannot recommend Daniel highly enough to anyone wanting a personalized or themed original piece of music composed.

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