

Farewell Dream Garden

- Instrumentation: Soprano, Flute, and String Orchestra (4,4,3,2,1, or larger)
- Duration: 11'
- Completed: 2010
- Premiered: May 2011 by Sylwia Olszyńska, Renata Guzik, and the Orpheus Orchestra under the direction of Jan Baryła at the Wrocław University in Poland
- Awards: Second prize in the International "Music in the Garden" Composers' Competition Wrocław – Kraków 2010/2011

I wrote "Farewell Dream Garden" for the International "Music in the Garden" Composers' Competition Wrocław – Kraków 2010/2011. The guidelines of the competition suggested a musical portrayal of times of day in the garden and I chose to depict nighttime, or more specifically, dreaming. My idea of a night garden is deeply lyrical, emotional, and colorful. Broadly arching phrases of the soprano vocalise, ebbs and flows of the string orchestra, and intricate flute textures all compound to make "Farewell" one of my most romantic and spectacular compositions to date.