




Composer Portfolios

CARWITHEN



Name	Doreen Carwithen
Nationality	English
Born-Died	1922-2003
	

Interesting Stories

Film Scores

Doreen Carwithen wrote film scores for over 30 films.

Name Change

Doreen married composer William Alwyn in 1975. She changed her name to Mary Alwyn as she didn't like her first name, Doreen.

Apprenticeship Scheme

In 1947, Carwithen was the first student to be picked for a film composition apprenticeship scheme with J. Arthur Rank.

Facts

- Doreen Mary Carwithen was born in Haddenham, Buckinghamshire on November 15th, 1922.
- Her first music lessons were from her mother, who was a music teacher.
- She started piano and violin lessons at the age of 4.
- Her career as a composer began at 16, when she set Wordsworth's *I wandered Lonely as a Cloud* for voice and piano.
- She trained at the Royal Academy of Music.
- In 1947 she was selected by the Royal Academy of Music to train in film music composition.
- She later worked as a Sub Professor of Composition at the Royal Academy of Music.
- Carwithen died on 5th January 2003.

Carwithen's Music

Now we know more about her, why not listen to some of her music!

- One Damn Thing After Another Overture, 1945
- Concerto for piano and strings, 1948
- Bishop Rock Overture, 1952
- Suffolk Suite, 1964
- Harvest from the Wilderness, 1948
- Boys in Brown, 1950
- Mantrap, 1952
- Three Cases of Murder, 1955
- Elizabeth Is Queen