

# White Clouds On a Blue Sky

## The Composer

Dan Adams is retired from the Wooster City Schools in Wooster, Ohio, where he served as Band and Orchestra director and Instrumental Music Coordinator for nearly three decades. Prior to Wooster he taught at Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, Vermont.

He received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from The Ohio State University (major instrument trombone) and a Master of Music in Band Conducting from Northwestern University where he studied with John Paynter.

Adams has decades of experience as an adjudicator, brass musician, and conductor. Present and past memberships include the Ohio Music Education Association, NAFME, ASCAP, College Band Directors National Association, and American Federation of Musicians Local 159.

## Program Notes

There is nothing like the beauty of a clear blue sky on a spring or summer day. Lying on a blanket as you look up, whether in soft grass or on a sandy beach, it's a time to take a deep breath and appreciate how small you are in comparison to all above you.

However, far more interesting and peaceful, one might say, is a parade of fluffy white clouds that float by as you direct your gaze. Clouds at a higher altitude barely seem to move at all, while clouds nearer to the ground sail past more quickly – all the time changing their relationship to one another as they move.

It's hard not to imagine characters and shapes in the formations. A bear? A dog? A boat? The imagination is sparked... there are **White Clouds On a Blue Sky**.