Welcome to my senior recital!
Thank you for attending and for supporting me through this
fun, exciting, (challenging, terrifying, etc.) journey!

A few notes…

This recital serves as my culminating senior project for the Frederik Meijer Honors College,
requiring it to be unique and creative in some way. As a result, my recital has taken on a theme and a
format all its own. Grand Valley State University theatre professor Karen Libman once taught her Acting
Process students that creators and artists involve themselves in the passion and process of art as a way to
discover what it is to be Human. This notion has been central to my experiences at Grand Valley, growing
as a student, as a performer, and as an individual. This recital will address four primary feelings (love,
sadness, longing, and passion) that remind each of us what it is to be Human. The featured pieces explore
a range of interpretations based on each emotion, depicting the multi-faceted and personal experience of
feeling. I have a passion and a love for both music and theater, and melding the two arts together in my
final recital allows me to demonstrate the technical aspects of my vocal performance with the meaningful
interpretations of my theatrical performances, effectively paying homage to both music and theatre
together. I hope you enjoy my interpretation of love, sadness, longing, and passion, and are reminded of
what it is to be Human.

A great deal of thank-yous are in order…

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