

William Tasker

Four Moods

für Blockflötenquartett

for recorder quartet

pour quatuor de flûtes à bec

William Tasker wurde 1943 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA, geboren. Er studierte Komposition bei Roy Harris und Carlos Chávez. Nach dem Studium schrieb er Filmmusiken in Hollywood. Gleichzeitig leitete er verschiedene Blockflötenensembles und Vereinigungen für Alte Musik in Kalifornien, für die er auch komponierte, und veranstaltete Workshops. 1981-1983 arbeitete er als Direktor der Musikabteilung am Polytechnikum Ibadan in Nigeria, wo er ein Ausbildungsprogramm für Blockflöte einrichtete. Seither war er als Komponist und Lehrer in West-Berlin, der Bundesrepublik und den Niederlanden tätig.

Four Moods for Recorder Quartet ist ein frühes Werk des Komponisten. Es wurde für das Midpeninsula Recorder Orchestra von Palo Alto, Kalifornien, geschrieben. Spielbar ist die Komposition sowohl für ein Blockflötenquartett als auch für ein größeres Ensemble. Die Deutung der einzelnen Titel der *Four Moods* sei der Vorstellungskraft der Spieler anheimgestellt.

William Tasker, born in 1943 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA, studied music composition under Roy Harris and Carlos Chávez. After completing his studies, he composed for films in Hollywood while, at the same time, directing and writing music for various recorder, Early Music groups, and workshops in California. From 1981 to 1983 he was appointed director of the Music Department of the Polytechnic Ibadan in Nigeria and established a recorder program there. Since then, he has worked in West Berlin, West Germany, and Holland as a composer and teacher.

Four Moods for Recorder Quartet was written in the composer's earlier years for the Midpeninsula Recorder Orchestra of Palo Alto, California. The piece may be played by a simple quartet or a larger ensemble, the meanings of the individual titles of the *Four Moods* are left to the player's imagination.

William Tasker fut né en 1943, à Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA. Il suivit des études de composition chez Roy Harris et Carlos Chávez. Après ses études, il écrivit de la musique de film à Hollywood. En même temps il dirigeait plusieurs ensembles de flûtes à bec et des associations pour la Musique Ancienne en Californie. Il écrivait des compositions pour ces ensembles et organisait des stages. De 1981-1983, il était directeur du département musique à l'école polytechnique Ibadan au Nigeria. A cette école, il établit le curriculum pour les études de la flûte à bec. Depuis, il a travaillé comme compositeur et professeur à Berlin-Ouest, en R.F.A. et en Hollande.

Four Moods for Recorder Quartet est une des premières œuvres de Tasker. Elle fut écrite pour le Midpeninsula Recorder Orchestra de Palo Alto en Californie. Cette composition peut être réalisée par un quatuor de flûtes à bec aussi bien que par un ensemble plus grand. L'interprétation des titres des *Four Moods* est laissée à l'imagination de chaque joueur.

FOUR MOODS

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1. LAMENT

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Lento (♩ = 80 - 92)

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Sopran

Alt

Tenor

Baß

*

10

p

mf

p

p

15

* Wenn as nicht spielbar, greife man b.
Play B^b if A^b is not available.
Jouez B^b si La^b n'est pas disponible.

+ Bei größerer Besetzung spiele man beide Töne.
If large group, play both notes.
En cas d'une orchestration plus grande jouez les deux notes.

2. JOY AT SEEING ONE'S LOVED ONE

Presto (♩ = 104 - 108)

The musical score is for a piece titled "2. JOY AT SEEING ONE'S LOVED ONE" in Presto tempo (♩ = 104 - 108). It is written for four voices: A. I., A. II., T., and B. The score is divided into three systems of staves. The first system contains measures 1-4 and 5-8. The second system contains measures 9-14 and 15-18. The third system contains measures 19-20. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, beams, and dynamic markings like 'f' and 'b'.

30 *rit.*

3. SADNESS UPON ONE'S DEPARTURE

Lento (♩ = 88 - 96)

5

legato

legato

legato

legato

S.
A.
T.
B.

10

15

4. HAPPINESS UPON ONE'S RETURN

Maestoso (♩ = 84 - 92)

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First system of musical notation, measures 1-5. The system includes staves for A. I., A. II., T., and B. The time signature is 4/4. The tempo is Maestoso (♩ = 84 - 92). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplets. A fermata is present over a half note in measure 5.

Second system of musical notation, measures 6-10. The system includes staves for A. I., A. II., T., and B. The music continues with various rhythmic patterns, including eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplets. A fermata is present over a half note in measure 10.

Third system of musical notation, measures 11-15. The system includes staves for A. I., A. II., T., and B. The tempo is marked *poco accel.* (poco accelerando). The music continues with various rhythmic patterns, including eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplets. A fermata is present over a half note in measure 15.

Fourth system of musical notation, measures 16-18. The system includes staves for A. I., A. II., T., and B. The music continues with various rhythmic patterns, including eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplets. A fermata is present over a half note in measure 18.

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Presto (♩ = 120 - 130)

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sempre stacc.

sempre stacc.

sempre stacc.

sempre stacc.

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poco legato

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