

MOTET (Le Lay de Plour)

for Conn-O-Sax Quartet

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VOCAL MUSIC

The Snow Begins (W.C. Williams) Earth and Sea (Eskimo texts) Preludes (T.S. Eliot) 6 Songs (W.B. Yeats) To a Child (W.B. Yeats) Crazy Jane Sings (W.B. Yeats) Vignettes/Flowers (W.C. Williams Love Poems (W.C. Williams) Vignettes/Trees (W.C. Williams) Thinking of You (John MacKenzie) Ariettas Without Words Scetate (Ferdinando Russo) In Their Flight (Mark Doty) 5 Rilke Songs 4 Songs to Poems by Hart Crane Seasons (W.C. Williams) Sonnets to Orpheus (R.M. Rilke) Songs of Loss and Remembering (R.M. Rilke) Rozmowa z kamieniem (W. Szymborska) 2 Love Songs (H. Heine) A Collection of Songs (C.F. Cilliers) The Violin Sings in a Common Language Collected Villanelles (various poets) La selva de los relojes (Federico Garcia Lorca) Der Februar (Erich Kastner) Vier Gedichte (Inborg Hoflehner) Le Lay de Plour (Guillaume Machaut) Selections from Les Roses (R.M. Rilke) Blossoms (Selma Meerbaum-Eisinger) This Hour (Rose Ausländer) The Aim was Song (Robert Frost) Two Ballads (Richard Leach) The Whirr of Wings (various poets) Dust Song (Richard Leach) Selections from Words for Music Perhaps (W.B. Yeats) An Incalculable Loss (Richard Leach/Norman Fischer) Say their names (words from the news) To Pain (Peter Levitt) Artist (Madhu Raghavendra) 1918 (Ellen Bryant Voigt) Les Fugitifs (R.M. Rilke) Schnee und Eis (Rose Ausländer) Moot! 4xM and Other Blues (Richard Leach) 2 Sonnets (William Shakespeare) Several Simple Songs Idilio (Federico Garcia Lorca) The Peace of Wild Things Voices of Afghanistan Temptresses

MUSIC FOR STRINGS ALONE

6 Contrapuntal Pieces	1986	string quartet	20 min
For Laura	1987	string quartet	25 min
The Beckoning Stars	2001	string quartet	13 min
Imaginary Dances	2001	violin solo	18 min
Short Stories	2003	vn, va, vc, db	18 min
Passion (a love duet)	2003	viola, cello	9 min
Pavanne (for a world without war)	2005	string orchestra	8 min
Meditations	2006	string orchestra	8 min
American Landscapes	2007	string quartet	24 min
Motet	2008	string orchestra	7 min
Ecstasy	2009	viola solo	9 min
Transformations	2009	viola da gamba	12 min
Sonatine	2010	3 violins	9 min
Lieder ohne Worte	2011	2 va, vc, theorbo	12 min
Middle Ground	2012	vn, 2 va, vc	25 min

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soprano, violir		10 min
soprano, piano		15 min
soprano, string		20 min
soprano, fl, vn	, va, vc, pn	25 min
SATB, cello		18 min
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sop, mezz sop,		15 min
soprano, cello,		7 min
soprano, cello,	harp	9 min
SSATTBB		6 min
sop, mezzo, vi		6 min
soprano, viola	d'amore, cello	15 min
tenor, piano		35 min
SATB		11 min
tenor, piano		35 min
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soprano, 2 viol		15 min
countertenor,		4 min
soprano, piano		18 min
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SATB		16 min
mezzo soprano		21 min
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	o, viola d'amore	6 min
contralto, fl, vi	1 1 A	40 min
soprano, oboe,	a. aa	9 min
soprano, viola		22 min
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	, vn, va, vc, harpsichord	11 min
soprano, cello		3 min
	arinet, viola, cello, piano	8 min
chorus, flute, v		24 min
soprano, piano		3 min
	o, baritone, piano	8 min
soprano & cell	0	12 min
voice & piano		6 min
baritone & pia		4 min
soprano & piar		3 min
mezzo soprano		20 min
mezzo soprano	o, viola	5 min
soprano, viola		6 min
9 voices		3 min
baritone & pia		11 min
soprano, flute,		9 min
soprano & pian		10 min
soprano & piar		3 min
	traverso, va, vc, theorbo	17 min
small chorus, v		14 min
2 mezzo soprat	nos & 2 violins	15 min

O mystery!	2012	viola solo	5 min
Music for Viol Consort	2013	6 viols	20 min
Afterwards, there were no more wars	2013	string quartet	21 min
At the Center of All Things	2013	string quartet	17 min
4 Nocturnes	2013	violin, viola	19 min
Lonely Voices	2013	string quartet	26 min
Trance Music	2014	string orchestra	22 min
The Time is Past	2016	string quartet	15 min
Dreaming of a Better World	2016	string quartet	15 min
Trio Sonata	2017	vn, va d'amore, cello	10 min
Transfiguration	2017	viola quartet	14 min
Duets	2018	2 viola d'amore	7 min
Aphorisms I	2019	string quartet	15 min
Airs and Dances	2019	strings	6 min
Border Crossings	2019	2 violins	6 min
Sea and Sky	2019	2 violas	11 min
Ode to Theia	2020	string quartet	22 min
Trio Sonata – 2020	2020	viola, viola d'amore, cello	10 min
Drift	2021	string orchestra	12 min
The Bridge of Birds	2021	viola & cello	13 min
Sulla Natura	2021	string quartet	27 min
Music inspired by 2 poems against war	2022	Solo cello	7 min

CHAMBER MUSIC

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Three for Three	1992	violin, cello, piano	16 min
Civil War Songs	1992	viola, piano	18 min
Take Five	1993	piano quintet	25 min
Serenade	1999	fl, vn, va, vc	11 min
Distant Music	2000	cl, vn/va, vc, pn	20 min
Driven by the Wind	2001	flute, cello, piano	25 min
Nonet (for New York)	2002	fl, ob, cl, hn, bn, string quartet	35 min
A Little Sweet	2003	flute, cello	10 min
On the Edge of Sleep & Dreaming	2003	horn, cello, harp	31 min
5 Pastoral Scenes	2004	ob, bn, vn, va, vc	30 min
I was dreaming of the sea	2004	vn (or fl), vc, pn	7 min
Little Tales of Mirth & Woe	2004	vn (or fl), vc, pn	6 min
An Ode to the Possibility of Piece	2005	clarinet, violin, cello	15 min
Elements	2006	fl, ob, cl, hn, bn	11 min
Motet for Brass Instruments	2006	2 tp, hn, tb, tu	7 min
4 Caprices	2014	violin, piano	14 min
Melville's Dream	2017	alto flute, viola, cello	12 min
Music for Loud Band	2018	2 cornettos & 2 tenor sackbuts	5 min
Fanfare	2018	4 sackbuts (or tenor trombones)	3 min
the children are crying	2018	saxophone quartet	6 min
the children are still crying	2018	saxophone quartet	6 min
Aphorisms II	2019	viola & piano	21 min
Divisions	2019	vn, vc, pn	13 min
Aphorisms IV	2019	cello & piano	19 min
Remember	2020	viola & piano	10 min
The Whirr of Wings (instrumental suite)	2020	flute, viola, cello	19 min
Dance	2020	flute	3 min
Echo	2020	flute, oboe, clarinet, violin	4 min
Freedom Song	2020	saxophone quartet	6 min
The Stars Circle Above, Indifferent to Our Foolishness	2020	flute quartet	7 min
Traumstücke	2020	viola d'amore, piano	11 min
Fantasy	2021	viola & piano	12 min
Imaginary Dances II	2021	alto saxophone & harp	12 min
Songs for Astrid	2021	flute	12 min
Ararat		duduk quartet	6 min
A Trifle	2021 2021	trumpet & cello	4 min
Book of Soliloquies	2021	various instruments	4 min
			8 min
Motet (Le Lay de Plour)	2022	Conn-O-Sax quartet	8 IIIII
ORCHESTRAL MUSIC			
Morning Music	2001	clarinet, string orchestra	22 min
Two Sad Songs (W.B. Yeats)	2002	soprano, string orchestra	15 min
The Invisible Ballet	2003	string orchestra & diverse instruments	33 min
Pluto	2005	orchestra	15 min

Ophelia Songs (Shakespeare)	2005	soprano, harp, string orchestra	12 min
Love's Little Pleasures (various poets)	2008	soprano, string orchestra	15 min
The Four Elements	2009	viola, string orchestra	22 min
Mystical Songs (Fernando Rielo)	2009	soprano, viola, string orchestra	18 min
In Praise of Reason	2012	cello, 2 horns, string orchestra	13 min
Against War	2018	soprano, orchestra	23 min
Season of Rain	2018	orchestra	38 min
Summer	2018	orchestra	43 min
Declaration of Peace	2019	chamber orchestra	12 min
Everything Passes	2019	soprano & chamber orchestra	16 min
Gaia's Lament	2019	violin, orchestra	21 min
Serenade	2019	oboe, string orchestra	13 min
The Silence of Winter	2020	3 flutes, string orchestra	13 min
The Bridge	2020	viola & orchestra	70 min
Fantasy	2020	piano, string orchestra	15 min
Die Erste Elegie (R.M. Rilke)	2020	soprano, orchestra	38 min
The Mystic Trumpeter	202I	trumpet, string orchestra	24 min
24 september 1945 (Nazir Hikmet)	2021	soprano & string orchestra	3 min
28 october 1945 (Nazir Hikmet)	202I	soprano & string orchestra	4 min
Canziones d'Amore (various poets)	202I	soprano & string orchestra	22 min
Ahimsa	202I	orchestral ensemble	22 min
We Will Not Forget	202I	duduk & string orchestra	13 min
Gaia's Song	2021	piano & chamber orchestra	21 min
Stone & Star	2022	mezzo soprano & string orchestra	13 min

PIANO MUSIC

Simple Sketches	2015	piano	12 min
Skirmishes	2016	piano 4 hands	10 min
Preludes for Piano, 1-6	2016	piano	10 min
Preludes for Piano, 7-12	2017	piano	10 min
Aphorisms III	2019	piano	17 min
Sonatine	2021	Piano	15 min

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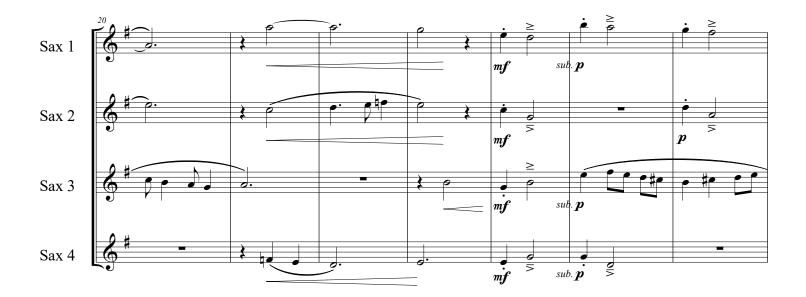
for Paul Cohen

It's been in the back of my mind for a long time to use actual tunes from a medieval or Renaissance secular song as the basis for an original motet. This music, for Conn-O-Sax Quartet, seemed like the right vehicle to make that happen. After searching through my usual sources, I decided upon Guillaume Machaut's "Le Lay de Plour." I had set his 12 romance poems to original music several years ago, but this time, I went back to Machaut's melodies to the same texts - which I took mostly verbatim and incorporated into this quartet.







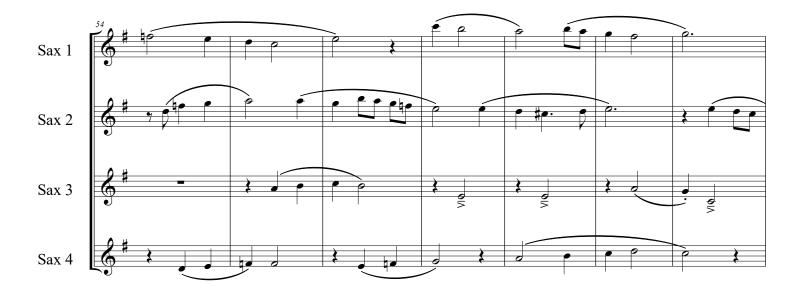


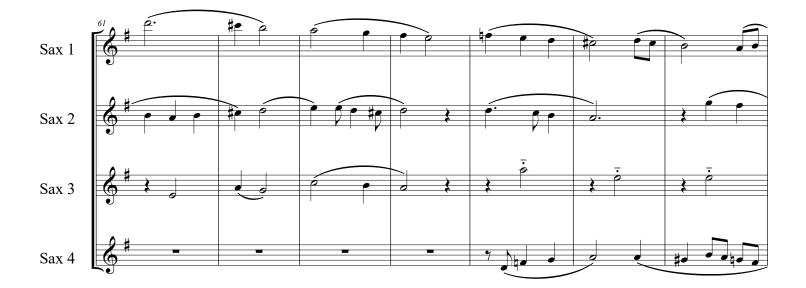


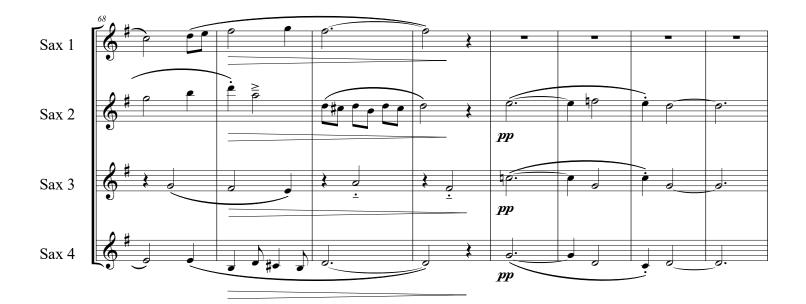


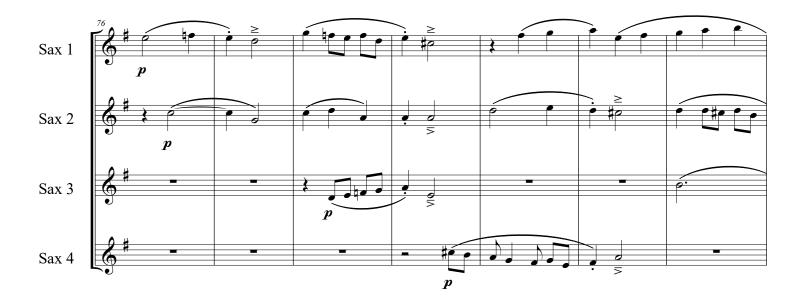








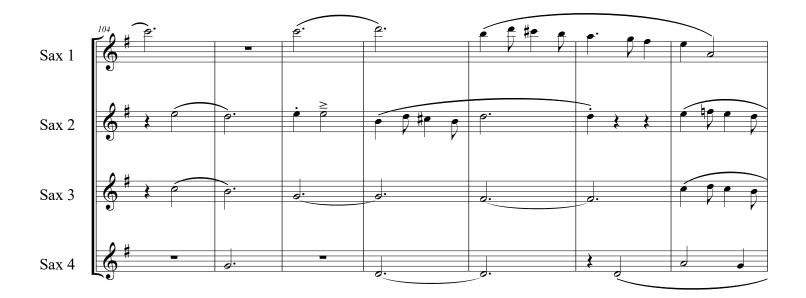


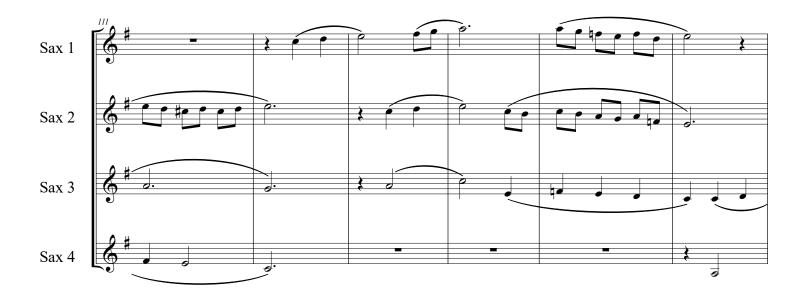


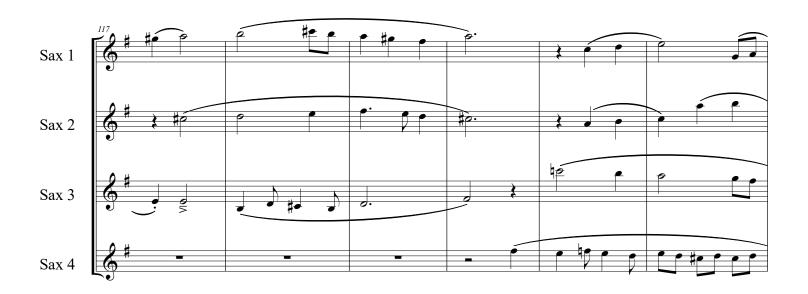


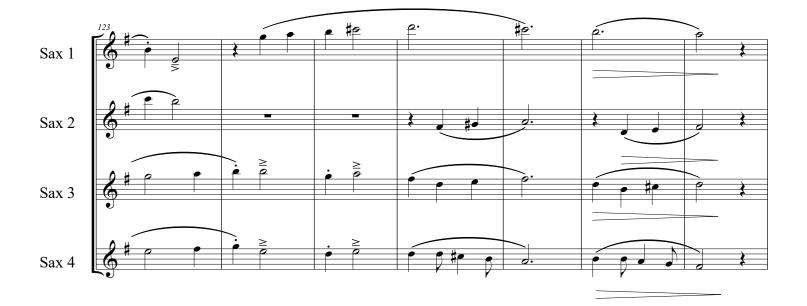


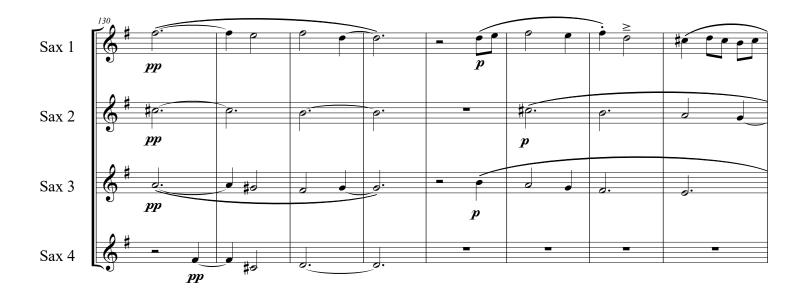




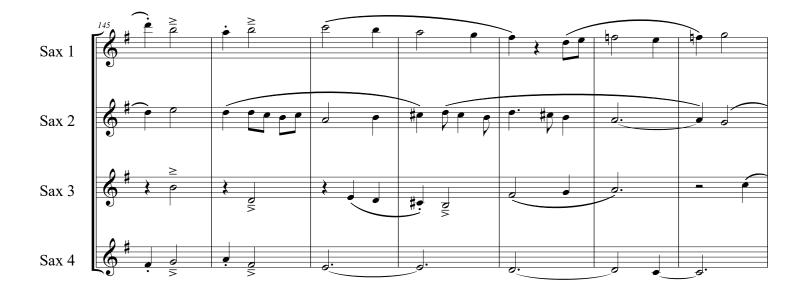


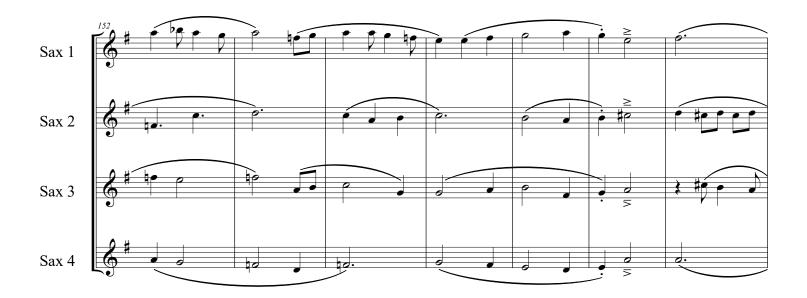








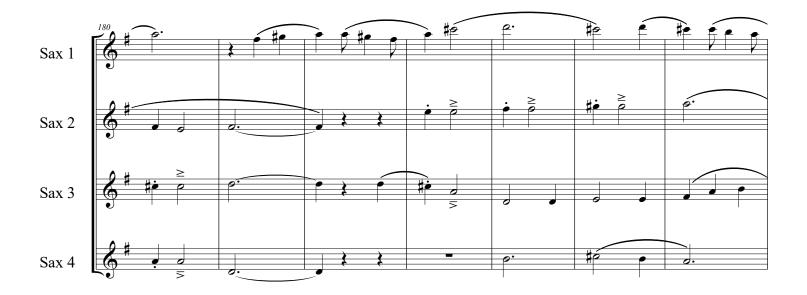


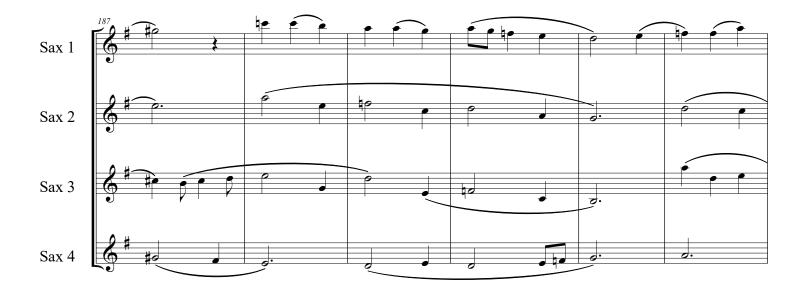


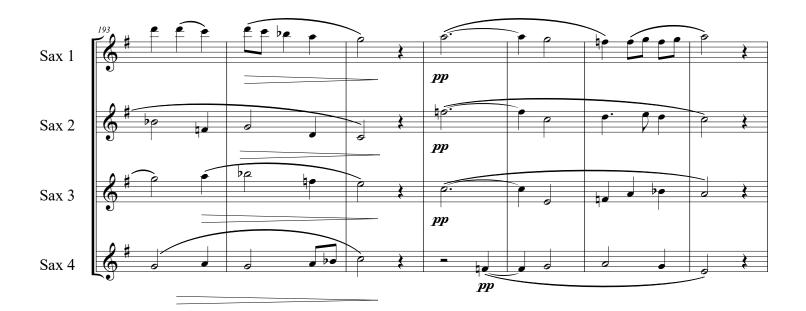






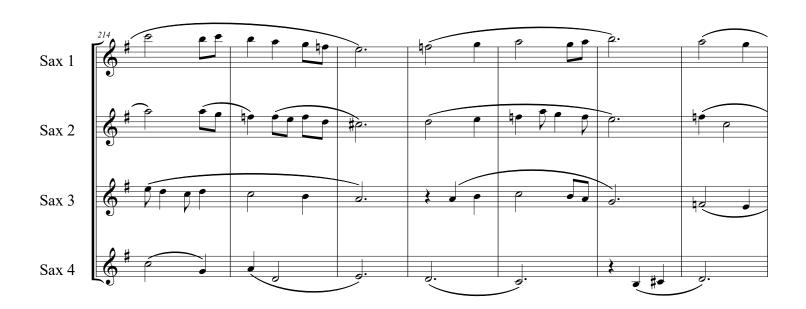


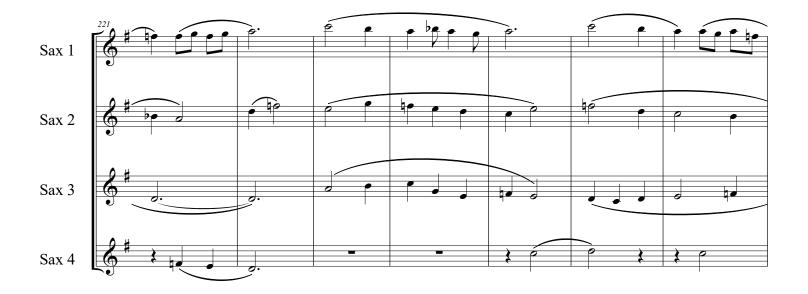




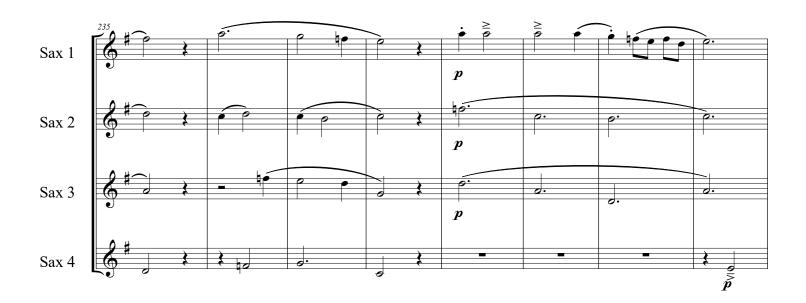








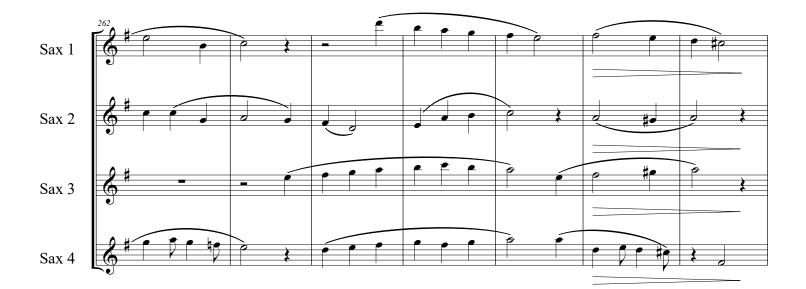


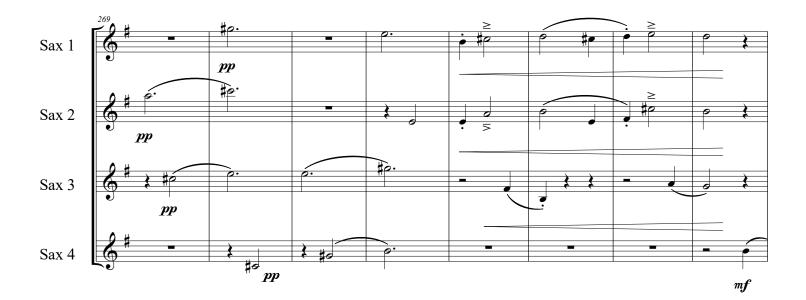


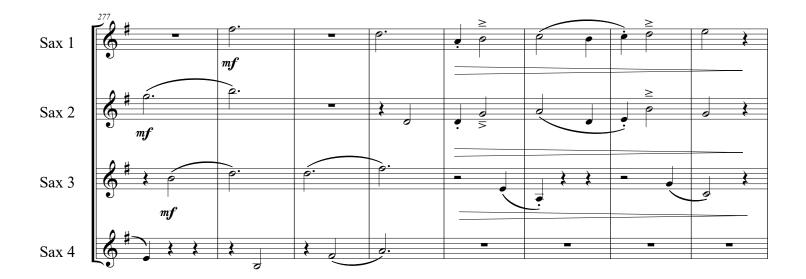




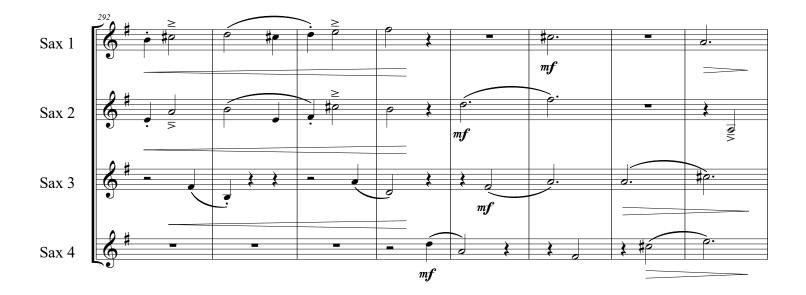


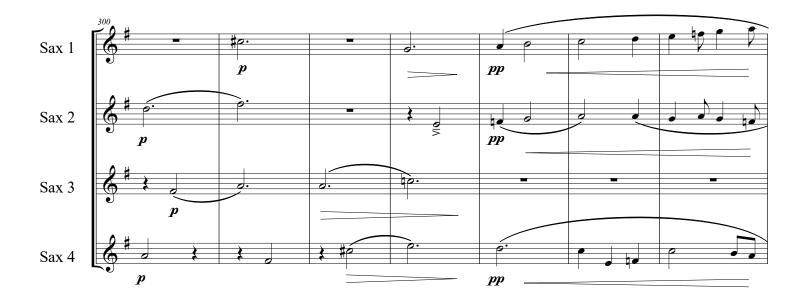


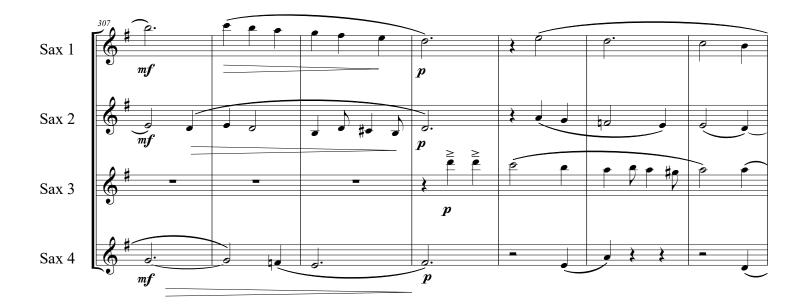


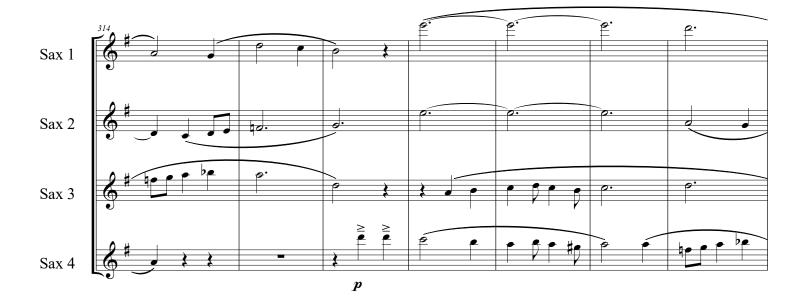


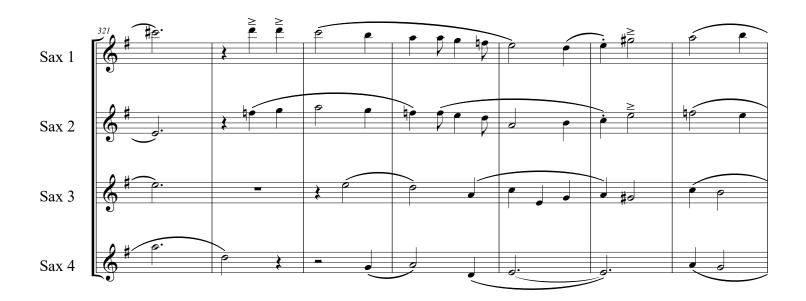


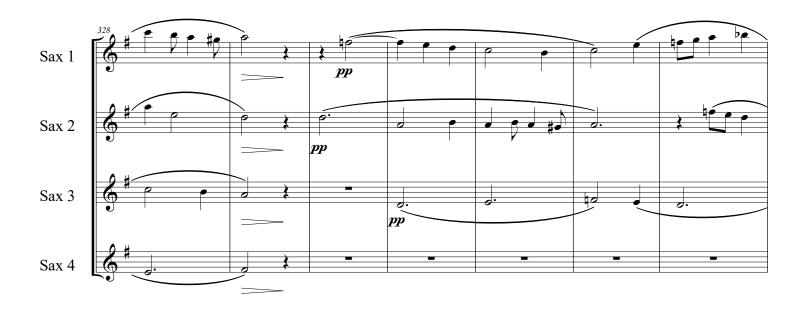




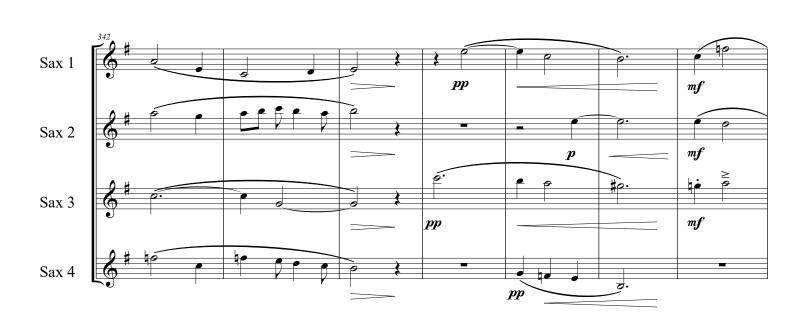


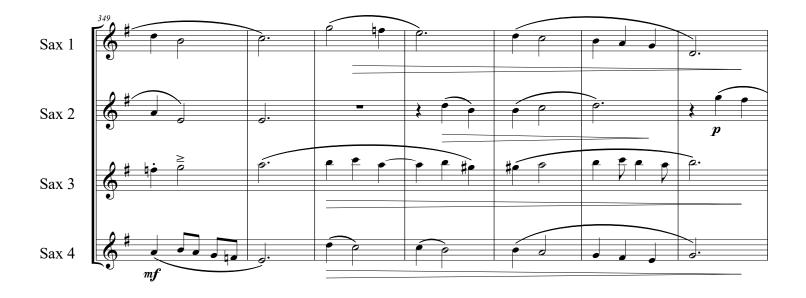








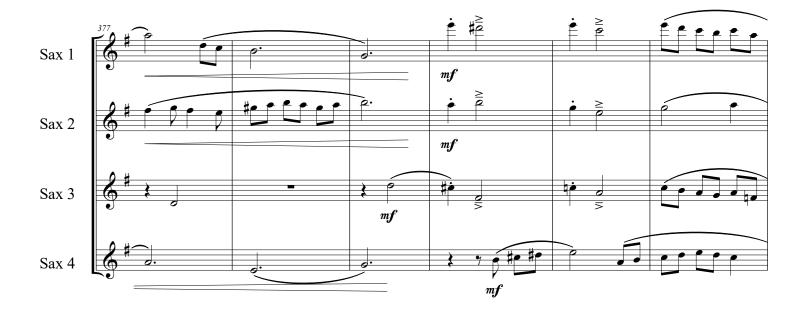




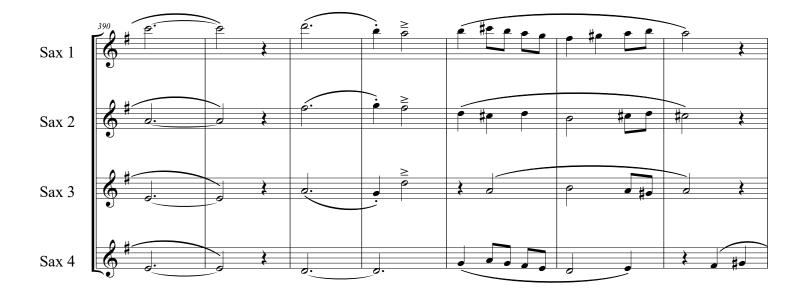




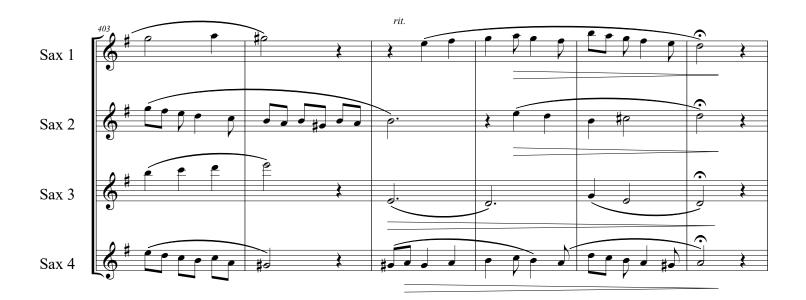


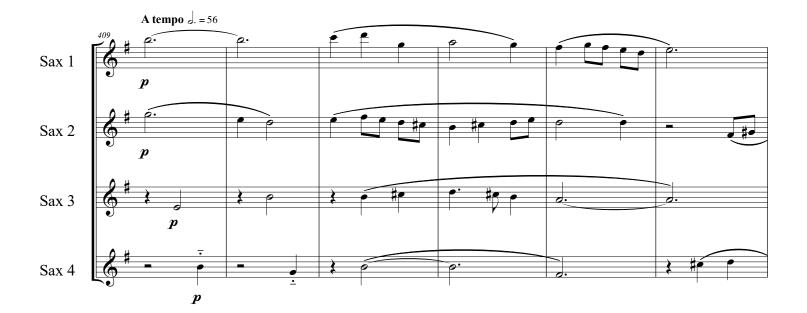


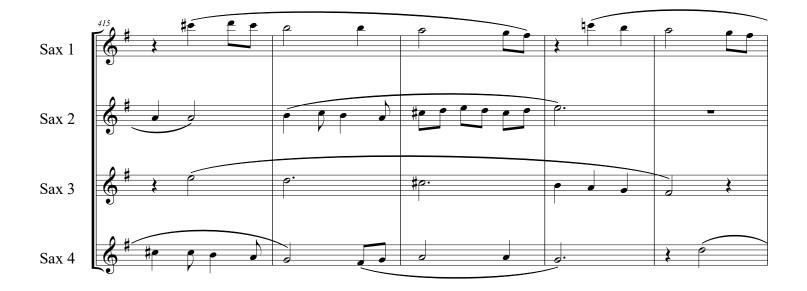






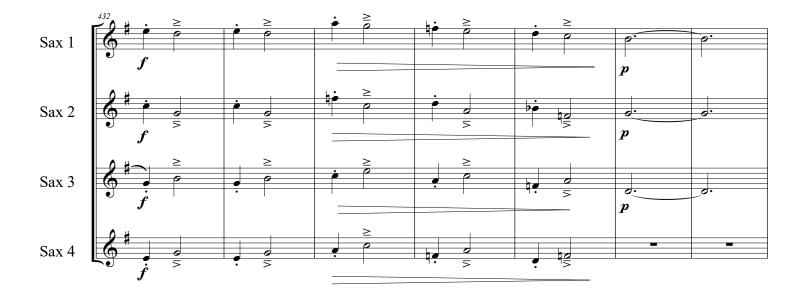














A few words about (and by) the composer

Raised in the Bronx, Stan has been obsessed with music since the age of six, when his mother took him to Carnegie Hall and he was astonished and awestruck by a performance of "La Mer." While that obsession first took the form of playing piano at every possible moment (when not otherwise engaged in activities typical of a kid growing up in the Bronx of the 1950's and '60s), it was Stan's music theory studies at the Manhattan School of Music that converted that obsession to writing music – and to finding his own musical voice.

He learned the craft from extraordinary musicians: among others - Robert Helps, Leon Kushner, Ursula Mamlok and Joseph Prostakoff. Stan's passion for medieval and Renaissance music has greatly influenced his writing - a contemporary expression of ageless techniques based on melody, modal harmonies, and contrapuntal, extended, interweaving lines. Two main themes permeate many of his works - music composed in an attempt to translate something about the nature of the physical world, and music composed to inspire and promote world peace.

Stan's music has been performed the world over – from Ecuador to Poland; Toulouse to Tokyo; Brooklyn to Vienna – by such artists as Camerata Philadelphia, Camerata Arkos, Englewinds, the Pandolfis Consort, the Bronx Arts Ensemble, One World Symphony, violists Brett Deubner and Ralph Farris, and violinist Jorge Avila. Major works include three symphonies, ten string quartets, a nonet, concerti for violin, viola and cello, and numerous song cycles for voice and various instruments.

Stan's discography includes "remember" with violist Brett Deubner and pianist Thomas Steigerwald, "afterwards..." and "and I paint stars with wings" with Camerata Philadelphia, "Rustling Flights of Wings" with soprano Nancy Allen Lundy, pianist Stephen Gosling and violinist Ralph Farris and "At the Center of All Things" with music performed by the Diderot String Quartet.

"As I see it, as much as we strive to find reason and purpose in our having been born into this amazing, mysterious and awe-inspiring universe, that attempt is largely futile. It is however, the best part of our nature that obliges us to make the attempt, though the most we can hope for is to gain some small degree of understanding of the world around us, and, more importantly, of ourselves. To achieve this, we each approach the problem in our own way, uniquely shaped by our cultural background, innate talents and abilities, education and so on. For some, science may be the window through which they best perceive and interpret the world, for others, religion. For those to whom the world seems to express itself most clearly and beautifully through sound, music is the voice that speaks to us and through which we, in turn, best express ourselves. Now, I can write notes that will make pretty music because I've been trained to do so – but the best of my music has arrived, rather inexplicably, as part of a personal effort to understand the world and myself. It is, in a way, an act of translation. The world says something, I try to understand it, and then translate it into musical language. The particular musical language which I speak, is, of course, a product of my conservatory training and personal musical tastes, but hopefully, the outcome, imperfect a translation as it may be, will convey to others something of its original intent."

Stan's music is melodic, modal, contrapuntal, characterized by extended, interweaving lines. His musical influences span the centuries, and include Machaut, Josquin, Palestrina, Monteverdi, Lassus, Britten, Ives, Vaughn Williams and Shostakovich.

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