

Moments
at
Canyon de Chelly

(Image Music XXVI)

for
Flute and Oboe Duet

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SCORE

Frontispiece

Death is a shadow that always follows the body.

14th-century English proverb.

The Columbia World of Quotations.
New York: Columbia University Press, 1996.
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Based on:

Canyon del Muerto – Mummy Cave



Canyon del Muerto – Massacre Cave



Spider Rock – Spider Woman's Liar



Program Notes:

These movements are based on a visit made to Canyon de Chelly in Arizona in the spring of 2005. They represent momentary impressions of the places named.

I. Canyon del Muerto – Mummy Cave

An ancient cave ruin and where nearby the mummified remains of an ancient Native American were discovered.

II. Canyon del Muerto – Massacre Cave

A ledge and cave where many years ago Native Americans sought refuge in hiding from Spanish conquerors. Story has it that one of the women revealed the location by taunting the Spaniards. When one of them came after her they grappled and ended up both falling to their deaths.

III. Spider Rock – Spider Woman's Liar

According to Navajo creation stories, the home of Spider Woman, a disciplinary figure for young children. The sun-bleached rocks at the top are supposedly the bones of children who did not behave. The legacy of Diné rug weaving is also attributed to Spider Woman.

INSTRUMENTATION:

Flute

Oboe

Duration: 10'