浪 薩克管四重奏 何蕙安作曲

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## The Waves

Saxophone Quartet

Score & Parts

The Waves
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Saxophone Quartet (1974, revised 2009)

Duration: 3 - 5 mins

I wrote this work in 1974, shortly after I went back to the Royal Academy of Music to re-train as a composer after straining my wrist (I was trained as a pianist). I kept hearing a haunting tune in my head, so I wrote it down and developed it into a saxophone quartet - for John Harle's London Saxophone Quartet when they visited the Royal Academy of Music that year and they performed it very well. I wrote 'Melancholically' as the expression for this work, but when I revised this work in 2009, I wasn't feeling melancholic and I think the title "The Waves" should be the key to the expression of this piece. When one looks at or listens to waves they can induce feelings of happiness or sadness, so I leave it very much to the discretion of the performers and their mood at the time. As for the tempo, I have indicated the fastest it can go, but again, it can be slower, or much slower - like the waves, and the performers can decide what is the right tempo for them. As saxophonists often play a wide range of music, especially jazz, and the notation of this work is much less complicated than most Contemporary Music, performers are welcome to add ad lib ornaments, pitch bending and fluctuation, upward/downward gliss...etc., or play the piece in jazz style, for example, such as changing some of the music into jazz rhythms.







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