

Many Waters

Composer: Avner Dorman

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Duration: ca. 16 minutes

Orchestration: Mandolin, Guitar

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Commission: Generously commissioned by the Augustine Foundation Dedicated to Duo Mantar, Jacob Reuven, Mandolin; Adam Levin, Classical Guitar

Program Note

Many Waters is the second piece I've composed for Duo Mantar. It is inspired by our collaborative work and hearing their recordings and performances. The composition comprises a suite of vignettes, each depicting a body of water that holds special memories and significance for me. The outer movements, "Red Sea" and "Jordan River," recall childhood visits to these beautiful locations. They also evoke musical associations to Jewish history and musical heritage. The middle movement, "Susquehanna River," is a tribute to the river near my current home in Pennsylvania. Movements two and four are memories of beautiful water sceneries from San Diego Bay and Lake Geneva. The mandolin and guitar interchange roles - sometimes playing in unison, other times in counterpoint. At points one instrument supports while the other leads. The piece explores the instruments' shared virtuosity alongside their distinct voices. It aims to showcase their expressive range in dialogue.

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