## From composer

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I have composed this work with materials, old folk songs of northeast area of Japan.

To touch with "pleasure, desire, agony, and prayer" woven into these simple melodies, I can not intentionally learn of the essencial figure of music.

Notes breathing freely in the nature, the expression would be beautiful in a deep connection with nature, I hope.

The work consists of the slow part in the first half, fast dances in the second half, and a coda.

In parts (A) to (D), create a fantastic world, expressing accel. rit. fearlessly. The solo by alto saxophone in (B) is originally tune of shakuhachi (Japanese traditional bamboo flute). Sinf out with enough rubato in part (C). The material here is "Nanbu ushioi uta" (one of folksongs). Swell romantic in (D) and finish with reverberations.

From E, making a complete change, dances in allegro assai, are spread out. A brisk driving of rhythm is desired. The brass section in E is considered as strains or shouts to mark time (both are typical form of Japanese old folksongs). It would be more effective when quijada is added.

Maracas in [G] must be played, two in one hand. For drum section from [E], it needs more than two of 1. snare without strings, 2. Shimedaiko (Japanese drum), and 3. tomtom (bigger than middle) or Tenor drum, and either bassdrum or Yaguradaiko (Japanese large drum), or both. As the bell, bells for Okagura (sacred Shinto music and dance) is most suitable.

Coda in [L] is a duo of two trumpets (cornetts) but Fluegelhorns are also effective. A particular sound, which is fading out through mountains, is ideal. Provide the biggest tomtom you can, here.

Shonaiobako, Tsugaru-jongarabushi, and Nanbu-niagari-jinku (folksongs) are materials from part of E.

## Instrumentation Bb Trumpet I, II, III (3) Piccolo (1) Flute (4) F Horn I, II, III, IV (2) Oboe (1) Trombone I. II, III (1) Bassoon (1) Euphonium (2) Eb Clarinet (1) Basses (2) Bb Clarinet I, II, III (3) String Bass (1) Eb Alto Clarinet (1) · Timpani (1) Bb Bass Clarinet (1) Glockenspiel, Xylophone (2) Eb Alto saxophone I, II (1) Percussion I (1) Bb Tenor Saxophone (1) Percussion I Eb Baritone Saxophone (1) B, C で尺八を使用する場合。

## Collage for Band

