

One Moment to Eternity for Edward S. Lisk

Musical Haiku #30, Work #951 in 3:00 Scored for Small Band of the 3rd Millennium by © Stephen Melillo IGNA 2 June 2007

2nd & 3rd Millennium

Technical

The solo part allows for either a flute solo, oboe solo, a clarinet, trumpet or soprano sax solo, and/or an alto sax solo. The lone half-notes on beats **3 and 4** in measures **34** and 36 are meant to be played by the chosen soloist. The scoring is for a smaller ensemble and is bolstered by the strategic use of standard "*Storm*" work orchestration and synthesizers.

Musical

This piece is connected to a WPIM field show which was composed as an extension of the recently recorded *Chapter 13 CD: Whispers on the Wind*. Originally called, "A PRAYER FOR PEACE", it evolved to the working title, "WHEN A MAN LOOKS UP". I knew "Musically" what the piece was saying, but I was having trouble finding the right words for the title.

Finally, **One Moment to Eternity** was chosen. This piece briefly embodies that Heaven-bestowed quality of wonder, as we choose to look up, and in the sky above us, perhaps filled with endless stars, find Hope and the promise of some new and still unwritten Future. In that one moment of choice, we give birth to an eternal *Ray*... it begins at a point and extends into Infinity.

For this reason, this piece has been dedicated to **Mr. Edward S. Lisk**, who I affectionately call, *Sir Edmund!* Ed is a Man who has always looked up... looked *beyond*... looked deeply into, and above. His vision of Music has allowed many a young person, and dedicated Teacher still in search of Music's mysteries, a tangible hold on the intangible.

So... be it only 3 minutes, perhaps just "one moment" in all that might have been written about the endless expanse of the Heavens and our Hearts, it is nevertheless a song back to Eternity... and therefore a gift to Ed.

Love and Godspeed!

Stephen Melillo Composer

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