

Quiet Shadows



BRASS QUARTET

Quiet Shadows for an instrumental quartet is my musical portrayal of four soldiers on guard duty in Vietnam. Guard duty began late in the afternoon while it was still daylight. I recall one particular duty that began as always.

First, I would arrive at my post and start inspecting my surroundings to become familiar with the jungle growth in front of the bunker before night. However, this bunker was situated near a very strangely-shaped tree, which I immediately sensed would fool me later into mistaking it for an enemy soldier. I tried to memorize its' shape, but, sure enough, when night fell, I knew that the tree trunk was the enemy. My apprehension overcame me, and I contemplated shooting up a flare to warn others. I realized that it was That tree. Rather than calming my fears, I thought about how much I missed home and continued to perceive other shapes as dangers in the darkness, which in the morning daylight proved only to be natural growths of nature in the jungle surroundings. I felt rather foolish until I shared my experience with the other soldiers on duty that night. However, most confessed to having had the same thoughts that I did about home and about what might be out there in front of us.

The performer's position on stage is the representation of those soldiers together yet apart with their thoughts, as they are keeping an eye out for danger. They know that they are protecting their fellow soldiers, which in turn protects the country they are serving (metaphorically, the audience).

The audience (those protected) never sees the soldier's face, but they know that these soldiers are safeguarding their way of life and are reassured.

This work has no restrictions on the performer's interpretation of these thoughts, other than the notes themselves. Dynamics, articulation, tempo, metric timing, and bar lines are none existent except in the performer's mind and his/her frame of reference based on the premise of the composition.

My purpose with this work is to create an interactive performance between the written notes and the instrumentalists who, hopefully, will bring his/her expressive interpretation of the thoughts of soldiers in this one unique situation.



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Trumpet 1 in B $\flat$

Trumpet 2 in B $\flat$

Horn in F

Tenor Trombone

The first system of musical notation features four staves. The first staff, labeled 'Trumpet 1 in B $\flat$ ', begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a half note on C5. The second staff, 'Trumpet 2 in B $\flat$ ', starts with a whole rest for the first measure, followed by a melodic line starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a half note on C5. The third staff, 'Horn in F', begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line starting on G3, moving to A3, B3, and then a half note on C4. The fourth staff, 'Tenor Trombone', starts with a bass clef and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line starting on G2, moving to A2, B2, and then a half note on C3.

Tpt.

Tpt.

Hn.

Tbn.

The second system of musical notation features four staves. The first staff, labeled 'Tpt.', begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a half note on C5. The second staff, 'Tpt.', starts with a whole rest for the first measure, followed by a melodic line starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a half note on C5. The third staff, 'Hn.', begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line starting on G3, moving to A3, B3, and then a half note on C4. The fourth staff, 'Tbn.', starts with a bass clef and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line starting on G2, moving to A2, B2, and then a half note on C3.

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The musical score for "Quiet Shadows Sax Quartet" on page 2 is arranged in four systems, each containing four staves for the instruments: Tpt. (Trumpet), Tpt. (Trumpet), Hn. (Horn), and Tbn. (Tuba). The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

System 1:

- Tpt. 1:** Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time. Features a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.
- Tpt. 2:** Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time. Features a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.
- Hn.:** Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time. Features a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.
- Tbn.:** Bass clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time. Features a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.

System 2:

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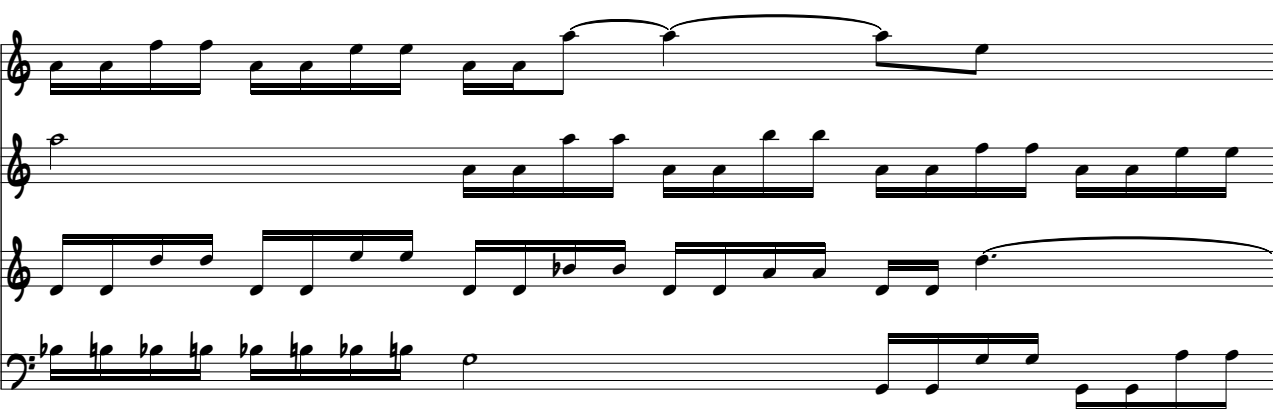
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System 4:

- Tpt. 1:** Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time. Features a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.
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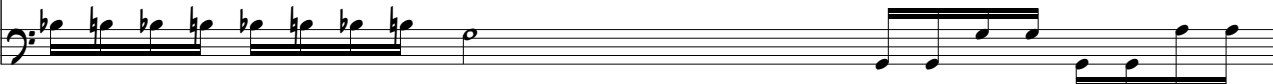
The image displays a page of musical notation for a Sax Quartet score, specifically page 3. The notation is arranged in four systems, each containing staves for different instruments: Trumpet (Tpt.), Horn (Hn.), and Tuba (Tbn.).

- System 1:**
 - Tpt. (Top):** Features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes.
 - Tpt. (Second):** Continues the melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes.
 - Hn. (Third):** Features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes.
 - Tbn. (Bottom):** Features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes.
- System 2:**
 - Tpt. (Top):** Features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes.
 - Tpt. (Second):** Continues the melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes.
 - Hn. (Third):** Features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes.
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- System 4:**
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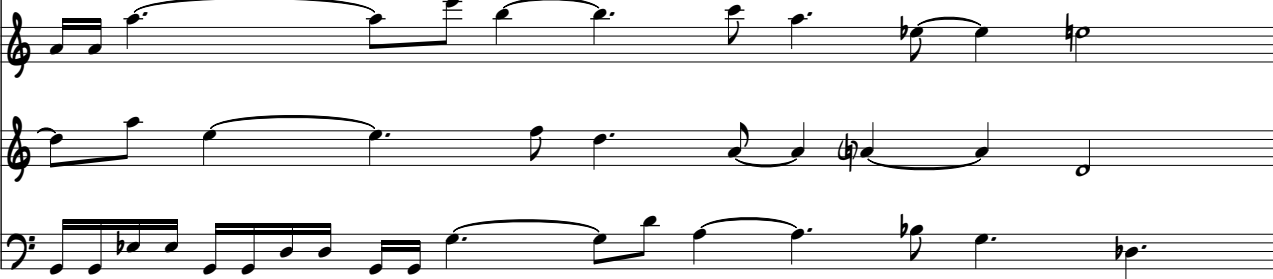
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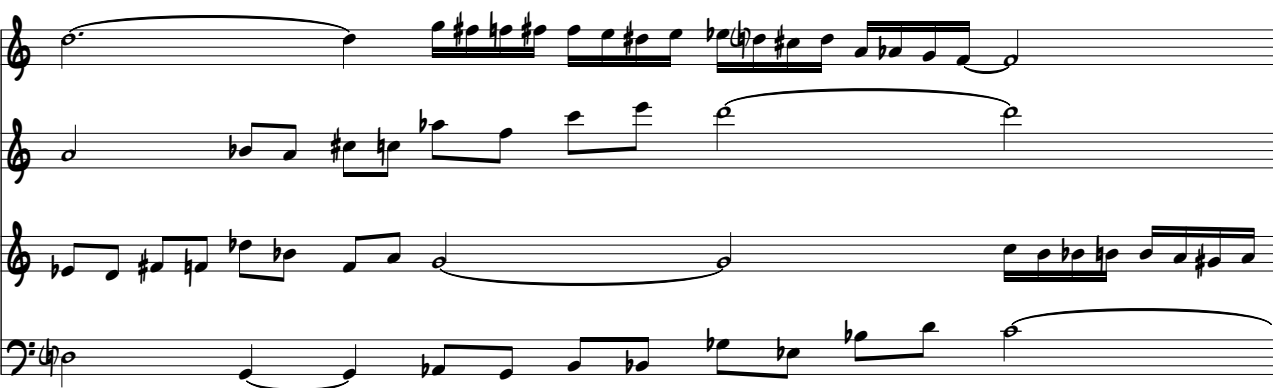
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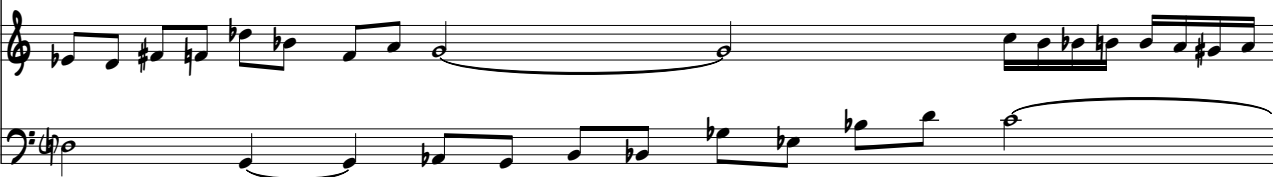
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The musical score for "Quiet Shadows Sax Quartet" on page 5 is arranged in three systems, each containing four staves for Tpt. (Trumpet), Tpt. (Trumpet), Hn. (Horn), and Tbn. (Tuba). The music is written in 4/4 time and features complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth notes, across all parts.

System 1:

- Tpt. 1:** Starts with a melodic line, followed by a triplet of eighth notes, and ends with a triplet of eighth notes.
- Tpt. 2:** Features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth notes and a triplet of eighth notes.
- Hn.:** Plays a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes.
- Tbn.:** Features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth notes and a triplet of eighth notes.

System 2:

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Score for Quiet Shadows Sax Quartet, page 6. The score is written for four instruments: Tpt. (Trumpet), Tpt. (Trumpet), Hn. (Horn), and Tbn. (Tuba).

The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and triplets, indicating a complex melodic and harmonic structure. The Tbn. part features a prominent triplet in the lower register.



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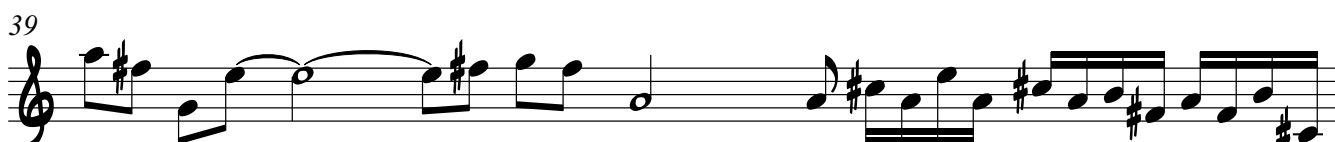
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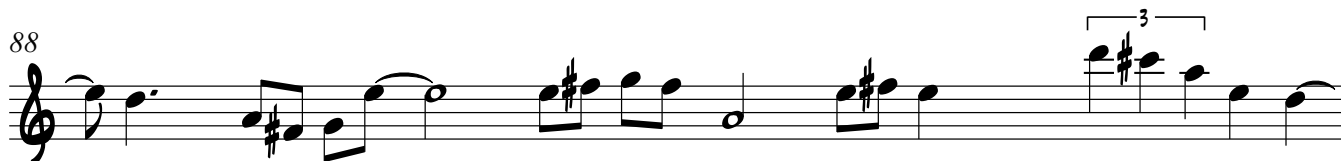
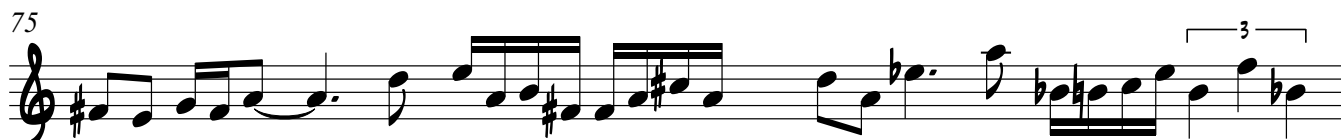
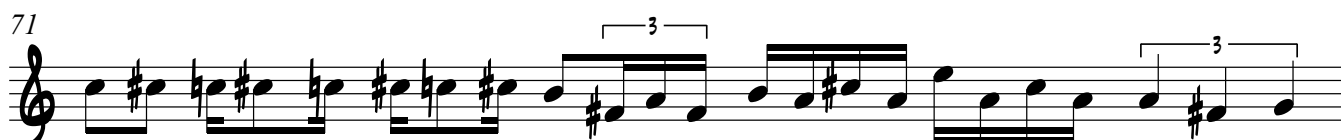
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Trumpet 2 in B $\flat$

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This musical score is for the second trumpet part in B-flat. It consists of ten staves of music, each beginning with a measure number. The notation is in treble clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is not explicitly shown but is implied to be 4/4 based on the note values. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth note runs, and rests. There are several trills marked with a '3' and a bracket. The score concludes with a double bar line at measure 97.

Horn in F

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Horn in F

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This musical score is for a Horn in F, spanning measures 49 to 93. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of ten staves of music. Measures 49-53 feature a series of eighth-note patterns. Measures 54-59 show a more melodic line with some chromaticism. Measures 60-64 continue with eighth-note patterns. Measures 65-66 introduce a triplet of eighth notes. Measures 67-71 show a complex pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measures 72-74 feature a triplet of eighth notes. Measures 75-79 show a melodic line with some chromaticism. Measures 80-82 feature a triplet of eighth notes. Measures 83-86 show a melodic line with some chromaticism. Measures 87-92 show a melodic line with some chromaticism. Measure 93 ends with a final cadence.

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Tenor Trombone

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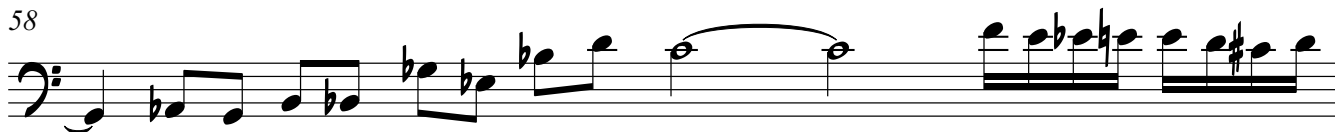
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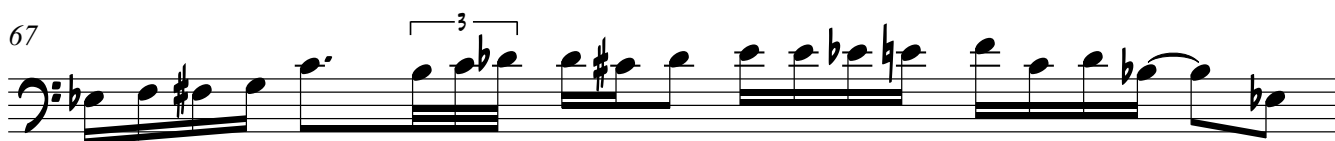
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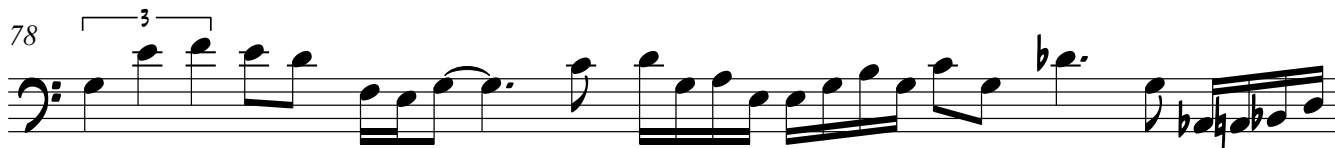
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