

J. Kimo Williams

Quiet Shadows



WOODWIND 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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The musical score is arranged in three systems, each containing four staves for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet in Bb, and Bassoon. The notation is as follows:

- System 1 (Measures 1-4):**
 - Flute:** Measures 1-4 with a melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to C5 and B4.
 - Oboe:** Measures 1-4 with a melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to C5 and B4.
 - Clarinet in Bb:** Measures 1-4 with a melodic line starting on G3, moving up stepwise to D4, then down to C4 and B3.
 - Bassoon:** Measures 1-4 with a melodic line starting on G2, moving up stepwise to D3, then down to C3 and B2.
- System 2 (Measures 5-8):**
 - Flute:** Measure 5 starts with a fermata on G4, followed by measures 6-8 with a melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to C5 and B4.
 - Oboe:** Measures 5-8 with a melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to C5 and B4.
 - Clarinet in Bb:** Measures 5-8 with a melodic line starting on G3, moving up stepwise to D4, then down to C4 and B3.
 - Bassoon:** Measures 5-8 with a melodic line starting on G2, moving up stepwise to D3, then down to C3 and B2.
- System 3 (Measures 9-12):**
 - Flute:** Measures 9-12 with a melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to C5 and B4.
 - Oboe:** Measures 9-12 with a melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to C5 and B4.
 - Clarinet in Bb:** Measures 9-12 with a melodic line starting on G3, moving up stepwise to D4, then down to C4 and B3.
 - Bassoon:** Measures 9-12 with a melodic line starting on G2, moving up stepwise to D3, then down to C3 and B2.

13

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon



17

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon



21

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon



25

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon



32

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

37

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

41

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

45

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

This musical score page contains measures 49 through 72 of the piece "Quiet Shadows". It is arranged for four woodwind instruments: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet in Bb, and Bassoon. The score is divided into four systems, each containing staves for all four instruments. Measure numbers 49, 56, 61, and 65 are indicated at the beginning of their respective systems. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, beams, slurs, and triplets. The Flute part features a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The Oboe part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and some melodic fragments. The Clarinet in Bb and Bassoon parts play more rhythmic, often sixteenth-note patterns, with the Bassoon frequently using triplets. The overall texture is light and atmospheric, consistent with the title "Quiet Shadows".

49

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in Bb

Bassoon

56

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in Bb

Bassoon

61

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in Bb

Bassoon

65

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in Bb

Bassoon

69

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

75

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

80

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

83

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

87

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

92

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

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Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

Flute

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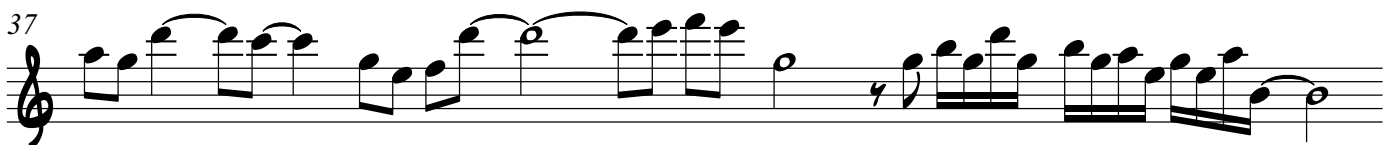
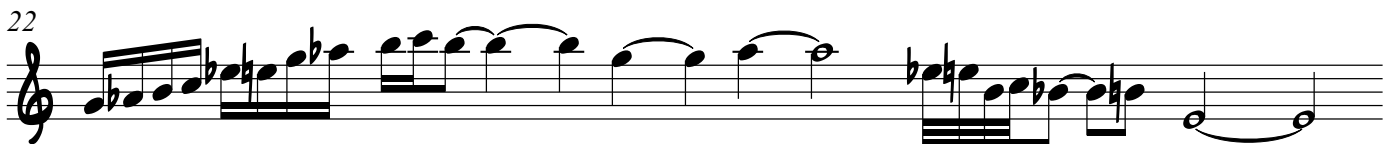
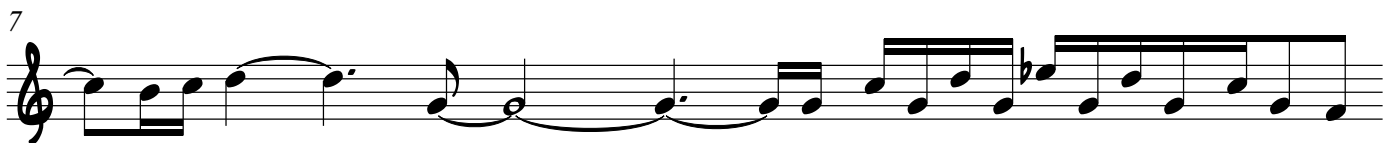
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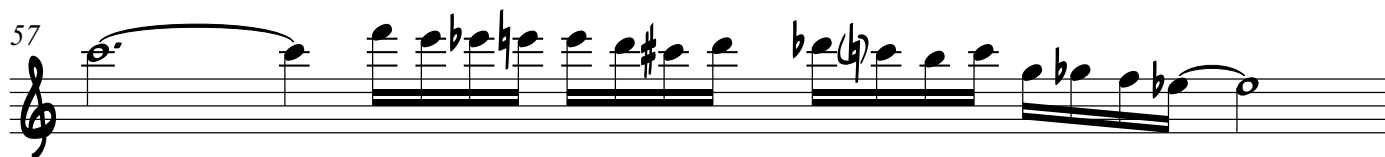
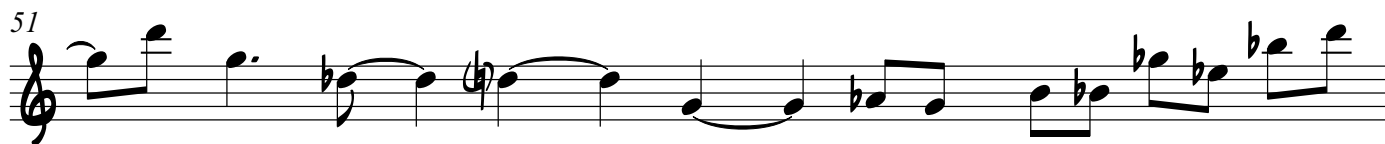
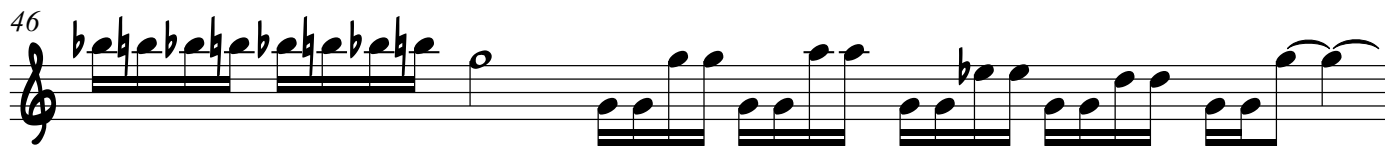
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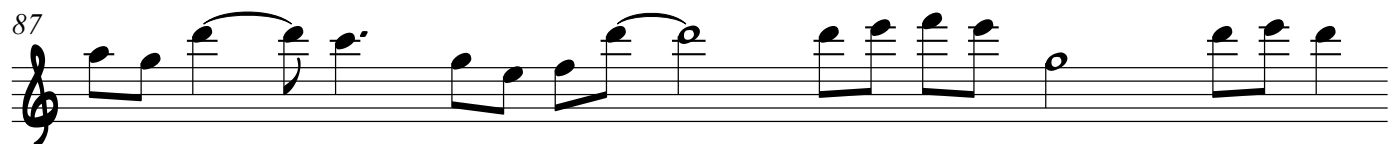
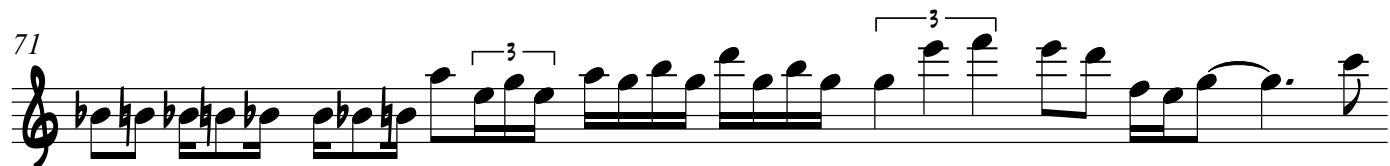
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Oboe

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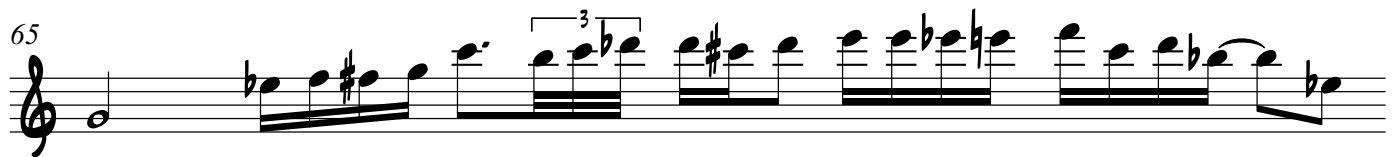
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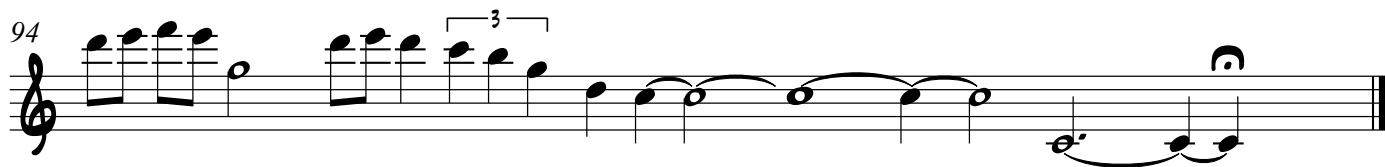
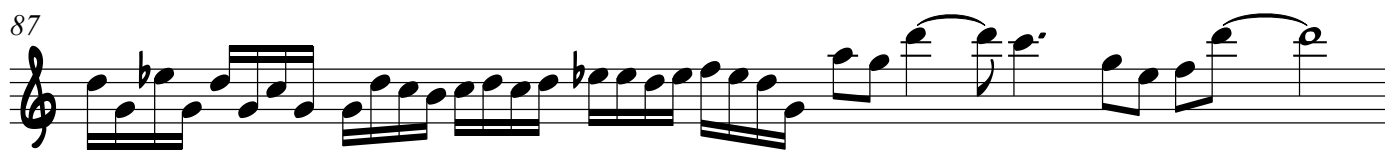
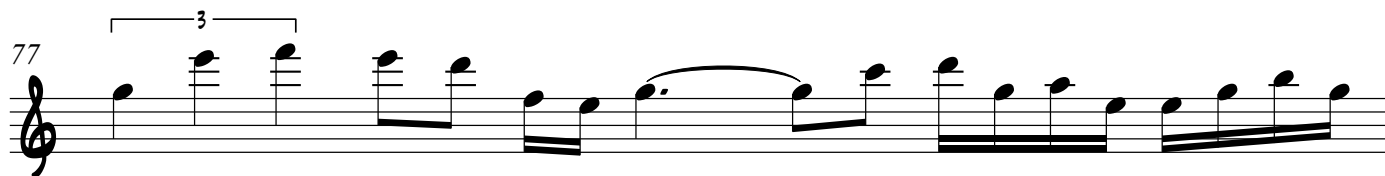
The musical score for the Oboe part of 'Quiet Shadows' is presented in five systems of a single staff each, all in treble clef. The first system contains measures 1 through 6. The second system, starting with a measure rest labeled '7', contains measures 7 through 12. The third system, starting with a measure rest labeled '13', contains measures 13 through 21. The fourth system, starting with a measure rest labeled '22', contains measures 22 through 29. The fifth system, starting with a measure rest labeled '30', contains measures 30 through 37. The notation includes various note values, rests, and accidentals, with some measures featuring triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket.

Oboe

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Oboe



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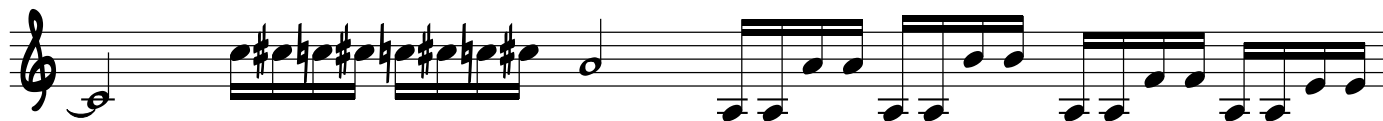
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Clarinet in B $\flat$

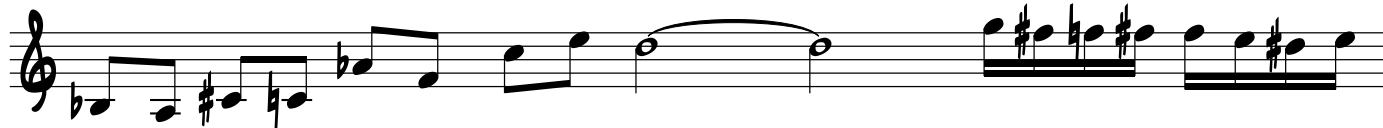
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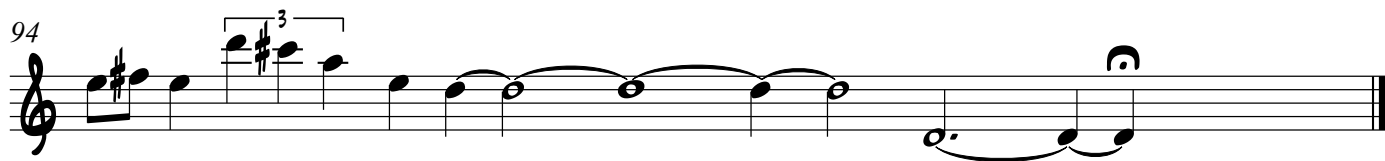
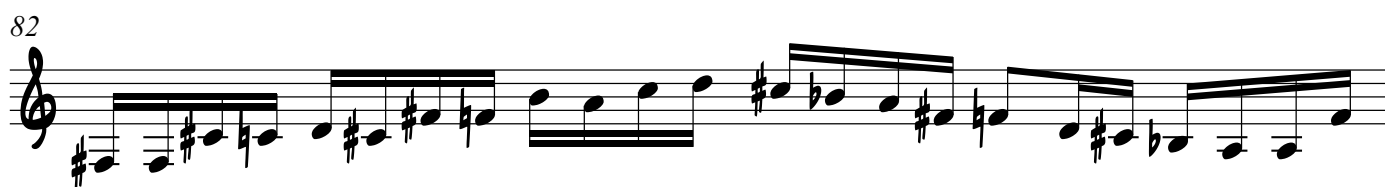
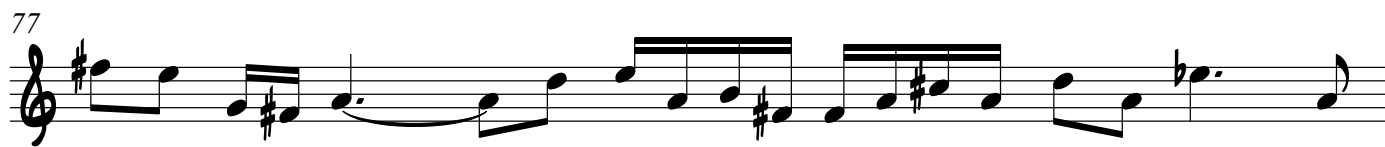


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Clarinet in B $\flat$

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The musical score for the Bassoon part of 'Quiet Shadows' is presented on six staves. The first staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notation includes various musical symbols such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and full notes, often grouped with beams and slurs. Measure numbers 7, 13, 22, 30, and 37 are indicated at the start of their respective staves. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' and a bracket in measure 38. The score is written in a single system, with each staff representing a measure of the piece.

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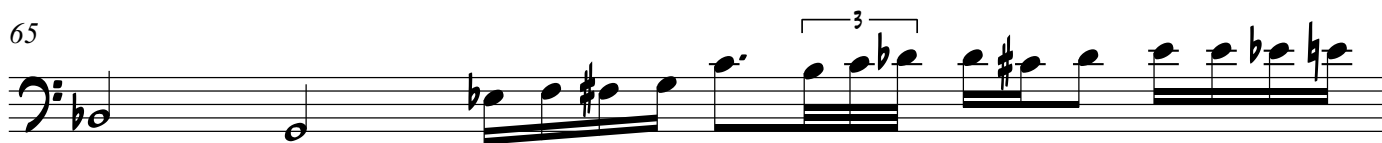
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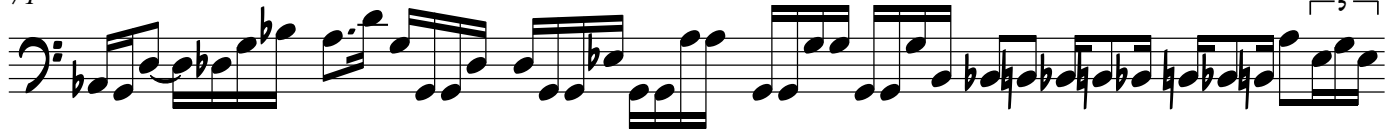
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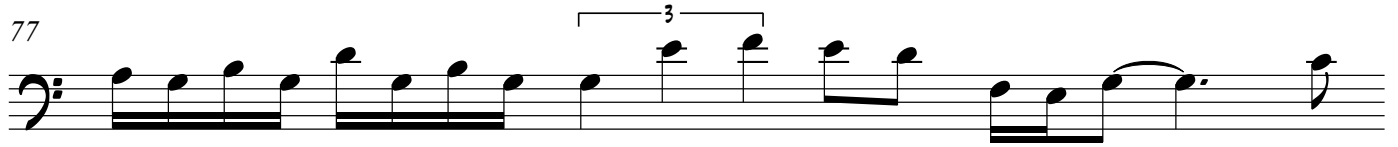
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