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## Traveler

for Symphonic Wind Ensemble

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#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

Piccolo 4 Horns 2 Flutes 3 Trumpets 2 Trombones 2 Oboes E Clarinet **Bass Trombone** 3 Clarinets Euphonium Bass Clarinet Tuba 2 Bassoons **Double Bass** Contrabassoon Piano 2 Alto Saxophones (1 dbl. Sop.) Timpani

Tenor Saxophone (also plays Sleigh Bells)

Percussion 4 Percussion I Percussion 2 Percussion 3 **Xylophone** Marimba Sm. Susp. Cym. Maracas Vi be Vi be Tom Tom Sm. Snare Dr. Temple Blocks Crotales Bass Drum Snare Drum Tam Tam Sm. Triangle **Bongos** Lg. Susp. Cym. Tam Tam Tom Toms Sm. Crash Cym. Bass Drum Sleigh Bells Wood Block Orchestra Bells Lg. Susp. Cym. Lg. Triangle

Scoring is one-on-a-part, with the exception of Flutes and Bb Clarinets, where more players may be used.

Score in C - duration ca 14 minutes

Baritone Saxophone

#### **About Traveler**

Traveler was commissioned in 2003 by the University of Texas at Arlington Band ·Alumni Association, the Delta sigma chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Gamma Nu Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, in honor of the career contributions of Ray C. Lichtenwalter, retiring Director of bands at UT Arlington. Ray has been a close friend and champion of my music for many years, and it was a great pleasure for me to write this piece for his final concert.

The idea for Traveler came from the feeling of a big life movement as I contemplated my friend's retirement. Traveler begins with an assertive statement of the chorale melody "Nicht so traurig, nicth so sehr" ("Not so sad, not so much"). The chorale was not chosen for its title, although in retrospect it seems quite appropriate. The last part of a life need not be sad. It is the accumulation of all that has gone before, and a powerful projection into the future -the potential: fi)r a tremendous gift of life and joy. And so the music begins with energy and movement, depicting an engaged life in full stride. At the halfuray point, a meditative quiet settles in. Life's battles are largely done; the soul is preparing for its next big step.

In our hearts, our minds, our souls We travel from life to life to life In time and eternity.

— note by the composer

















