

Commissioned by the people of Carthage, Texas for the EIGHTH GRADE Band, Brent Cannon, Director. In Memory of Abra Collier and Steven Walker, and in honor of their fellow band classmates.

River Songs

(Deep River, Shall We Gather at the River)

Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 4 1st B Clarinet
- 4 2nd B Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 5 El Alto Saxophone
- 2 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 El Baritone Saxophone
- 4 1st B Trumpet
- 4 2nd Bl Trumpet
- 4 Horn in F

- 4 Trombone
- 2 Baritone
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Chimes, Bells)
- 1 Timpani (Tune: B¹, E¹)
- 2 Percussion I
 - (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- Percussion II (Suspended Cymbal)

PROGRAM NOTES

River Songs was commissioned to commemorate the lives of two band members (one African-American and one white), who died within the span of a few years.

Two appropriate tunes were chosen to reflect each culture: the traditional Spiritual "Deep River," and Robert Lowry's beloved "Shall We Gather at the River."

The work begins with an expansive introduction and leads into the eighth note *river motif*, over which "Deep River" is first heard. After a brief passage of original material, the woodwinds introduce "Shall We Gather at the River" soaring above "Deep River" in the upper woodwinds, as witness to our common bonds in this life and beyond.







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CONDUCTOR Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (ASCAP) Freely, with expression J = 84Flute rit. Oboe rit. Bb Clarinets m f B♭ Bass Clarinet v Ō rit. mf Bassoon mf \odot E♭ Alto Saxophone 0 mf_{\perp} mf Bl Tenor Saxophone mfrit. m f El Baritone Saxophone rit. Freely, with expression J = 84rit. Bb Trumpets rit. mf Horn in F rit. Trombone mfrit. mfTuba Chimes Mallet Percussion (Chimes, Bells) Timpani rit. m f mpSuspended Cymbal Snare Drum **Bass Drum** 2 3 5

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