Tide and Time

For Brass Band

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Programme notes

*Tide and Time* is inspired and influenced by a five generation family timeline of professional and amateur artists, and in particular their work associated with water - sea, canal and river. The three continuous movements and a coda respectively represent the artistic work of my Great-Grandfather, Grandfather, parents and mother’s cousin, my cousins and their children. The ebb and flow of motto themes introduced early on become interlinked, entwined, developed and revisited throughout.

My Great-Grandfather, Horace Wooller, was a professional artist; the first movement reflects on three dates from his career and aligns these with influences and quotes from brass band test pieces of the same years. In particular, the opening features his seascape painting of 1926 and includes a background quote from Keighley's *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* (Foden’s, British Open). In the 1930s he taught at Goldsmiths’ College and also published a book on fabric printing (recently republished); here the music features an octet taken from the full band in the key of Ab, referencing Bliss *Kenilworth* (Foden’s, National Championships of Great Britain, Crystal Palace), a composer whom I admire and had the honour of briefly meeting. My Great-Grandfather also followed Rosicrucianism, as did my Grandfather, who gave me one of his father’s ‘Rosicrucian’ paintings; this aspect is heard in a reflective and lyrical section which precedes the second movement.

My Grandfather, Gerard Horace Wooller, was a commercial artist who set up his own business creating advertisements for radio and TV companies, including the National Radio Show, Earls Court. He worked using the medium of poster paints sealed with amyl acetate spray. Deadlines often took him late into the night when he would relax by listening to the music of Rachmaninov; the second movement of *Tide and Time* is a tribute to him. The way in which themes are passed around, followed by a countermelody and the full band, are stylistically influenced by Bailey (arranged Wright) *Diadem of Gold* (Foden’s, National Championships of Great Britain, 1953).

My Grandfather introduced me to Rachmaninov’s *Symphony No. 2* in E minor, Op. 27 and the third movement takes influences from the symphony’s final movement, such as the use of triplets, bell-like figurations towards the end (tubular bells), re-use of thematic material from the slow movement and richly orchestrated themes, and is broadly based on the structure. An exposed held soprano cornet note references a similar occurrence in both the Rachmaninov and also the end of the slow movement of Howells’ *Pageantry* (Foden’s, National Championships of Great Britain, 1937). The lively juxtaposition of new and revisited themes portray the third, fourth (and fifth) generations of family artists, including illustrations and miniature landscapes, and in particular the work of my father, Bernard Lane. The Coda again draws on the Rachmaninov style and structure, picking up the pace with an imaginary look into the future.

Research into Rosicrucianism revealed the importance of the number 3, and many of *Tide and Time*’s motifs can be found grouped in this way. Referenced throughout is one of the few surviving pieces of my Grandfather’s work, an illustration specially created for me of a Rosicrucian reflection on music by my Great-Grandfather.

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*Front cover picture: fragment of an untitled ‘Rosicrucian’ oil painting by H. Wooller, 1939*
INSTRUMENTATION:

Eb Soprano Cornet  
Bb Solo Cornets  
Bb Repiano Cornet  
Bb Cornet 2  
Bb Cornet 3  
Bb Flugelhorn  
Eb Solo Tenor Horn  
Eb Tenor Horn 1  
Eb Tenor Horn 2  
Bb Baritone 1  
Bb Baritone 2  
Trombone 1  
Trombone 2  
Bass Trombone  
Bb Euphonium  
Eb Bass  
Bb Bass  
Timpani  
Percussion 1: Timpani  
Percussion 2: Medium Suspended Cymbal, Glockenspiel, Bass Drum, Large Triangle, Cabasa  
Percussion 3: Vibraphone, Tam-tam, Marimba (or Xylophone), Tambourine, Tubular Bells, Xylophone  
Percussion 4: Medium Triangle, Cymbals, Large Suspended Cymbal, Snare Drum and Tom-toms, Shaker, Wind Chimes

Duration: 12:30 minutes

Score is transposed

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(match Flugel)

(match Solo Cornet)

(match Euph)

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(match Bari 1)

(match Solo Cornet)
Slower, with poise and a little rubato \( \times 90 \)
A touch slower, reflective $\nu = 84$

[Music notation with specific instructions and markings]
Movement 2: A tempo, waltz-like, with expression $= 80$

A tempo $= 84$

poco rit.

1. solo senza sord.

Tam Tam

Vibraphone

Large Suspended Cymbal

1. solo con sord. - cup mute

(Eb Bass)
Slower, broadly \( \frac{1}{2} \times \)