

SCORE

# Slate, Sea and Sky

For Solo Cornet and Brass Band



**Liz Lane**

## Programme notes

*Slate, Sea and Sky* features a musical landscape and journey in three integrated and continuous sections, led by the cornet soloist alongside ensembles broadly representing the title's elements: 'slate' (flugelhorn, tenor horns and trombones); 'sea' (baritones, euphoniums and basses) and 'sky' (cornets). These alternate throughout with the full band, travelling towards and through a storm, and emerging into bright skies at the end.

The title *Slate, Sea and Sky* is inspired by Norman Bissell's evocative poem of the same name, found in a book of poetry given to me by a close friend, to whom the work is dedicated.

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*Slate, Sea and Sky, A Journey from Glasgow to the Isle of Luing*, Norman Bissell, published by Luath Press.

*Slate, Sea and Sky*

An island on the rim of the world  
in that space between slate, sea and sky  
where air and ocean currents  
are plays of wild energy  
and the light changes everything.

Norman Bissell

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Front cover photo Stuart Pearson: 'view from Kilchoan House across Loch Melfort towards Luing'

## **INSTRUMENTATION:**

**Eb Soprano Cornet**  
**Cornet Soloist**  
**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:** Tambourine, Bass Drum

**Percussion 2:** Snare Drum, Medium and High Suspended Cymbals, Clash Cymbals

Duration: 7 minutes

Score is transposed

*Slate, Sea and Sky* was written for the third album of cornet player Jim Hayes, and recorded with The Co-Operative Funeralcare Band, conductor Michael Fowles, St Paul's High School, Glasgow, 14 February 2016.

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Photo Stuart Pearson: 'slate(?) rocks on the west coast of Luing'