From Dust, We Will Rise

Saxophone Quartet

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Program Notes

From Dust, We Will Rise stands as a testament to the indomitable human spirit, drawing profound inspiration from the illustrious poem "Still I Rise" penned by the incomparable Maya Angelou. Angelou's poetic masterpieces have transcended time, serving as a beacon of unwavering hope and a resounding voice for the marginalized. In the depths of her verses, she fearlessly confronted the forces that sought to confine and oppress, igniting a fire within the hearts of countless individuals.

Within the fabric of "Still I Rise," Angelou weaves a tapestry of resilience, crafting a symphony of determination that resonates with the depths of our souls. It becomes a resplendent anthem of unwavering fortitude in the face of adversity—a reminder that when others conspire to drag us down and revel in our vulnerability, we summon the strength to rise time and again. Like the phoenix emerging from the ashes, we transform the dirt beneath our feet into a foundation of unwavering strength.

From Dust, We Will Rise endeavors to encapsulate the profound beauty concealed within moments of profound tribulation. It serves as a testament to the inherent power of the human spirit, illustrating our boundless capacity to transcend and overcome. Through meticulous orchestration, minute differences in rhythm become a poignant metaphor, symbolizing the grains of loose dirt beneath our shoes as we ascend, unyielding in the face of the world's challenges.

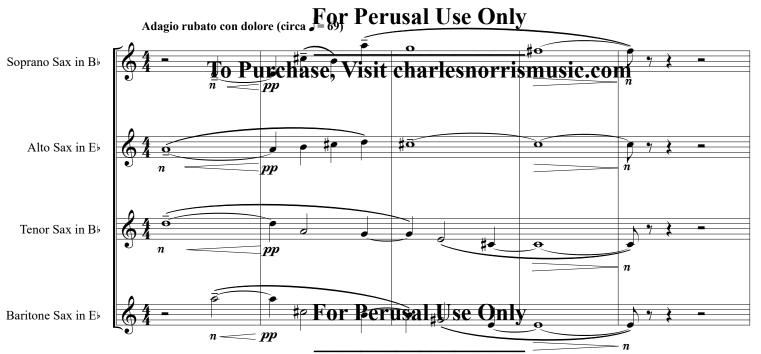
Through this composition, I strive to unravel the intricate layers of the human experience—the anguish, the resilience, and the relentless pursuit of transformation. It is an anthem that reverberates through the ages, reminding us that even amidst the darkest depths, we possess the inner strength to defy expectations, surpass limitations, and emerge as the embodiment of our highest potential.

From Dust, We Will Rise beckons us to embrace our shared humanity, to celebrate the triumph of the human spirit, and to find solace in the unwavering truth that, despite our transient existence, we are capable of leaving an everlasting impact. It is an ode to the resolute power of the human will, an opus that echoes through time, calling us to rise and embrace our destiny with unwavering courage.

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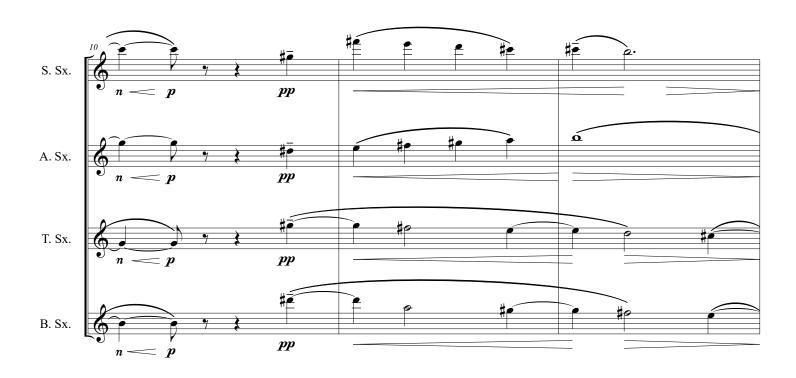
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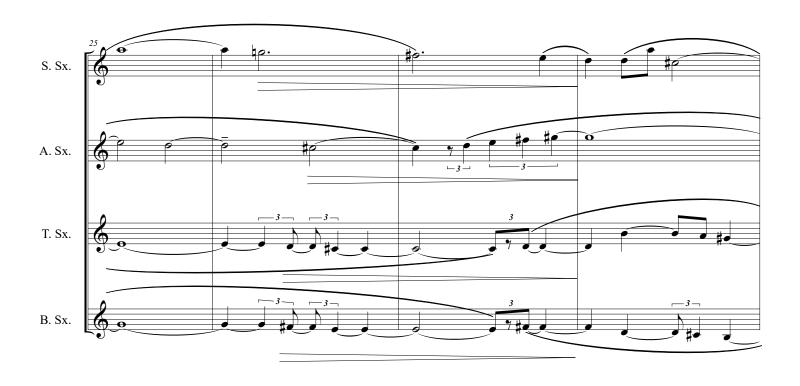


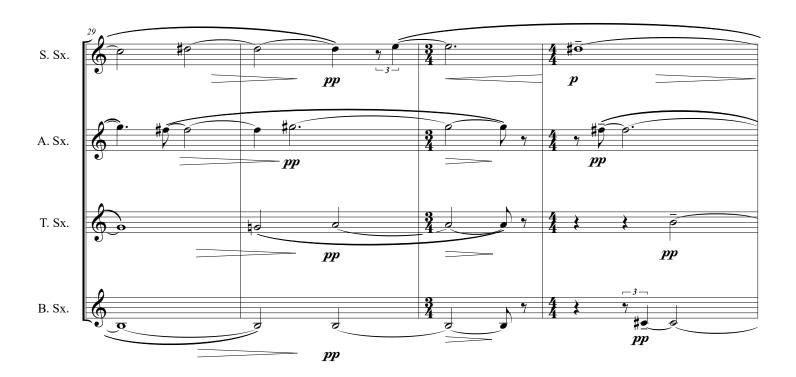




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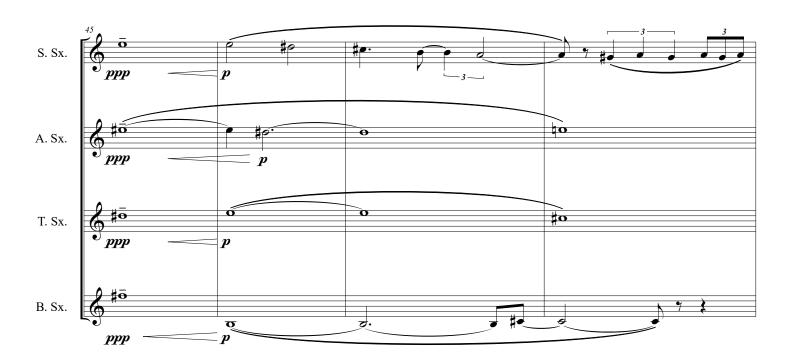




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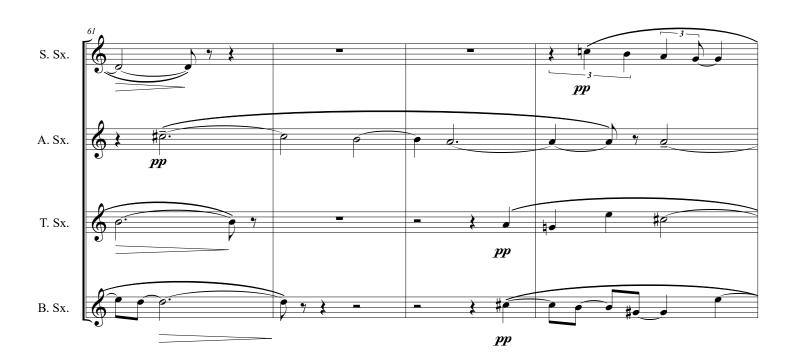




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