

# PETER WARE

*Piscataway “on looking deeper into the water”*

*Piano*

Urtext



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*Piscataway* "on looking deeper into the water" is a through composed work, conceptualized in three sections. Varying tempos serve to characterize each section, as the piece proceeds from an introductory *Andante*, to a reflective *Lento* and concludes with a *Presto* polymetric boat song. Many smaller internal divisions occur and are distinguished by two different melodic ideas. Colorful flourishes of sound contrast with slow soaring melodies to create a propelling motion through the work. Although metered, the rhythm is often perceived as free, evoking an illusive quality of the river's rapid currents and still eddies.

### Performance Notes

**Small Notes** are important melodic notes and must be articulated clearly. Their speed of execution should flow swiftly to the ictus or from the ictus. Small notes should spring forth as a physical and aural gesture arranged around the ictus and not from a division of time. Their speed of execution is independent of tempo changes, but will vary according to the register in which the note(s) occurs(s), the interval size that exist between them, and the acoustic environment in which they are performed. Practice for a clear sparkling articulation of the small notes. The small notes springing from the ictus are followed by a **small rest**, indicating a flexible duration and representing the remaining time before the next ictus or its division. If a **single grace note** has an **accent mark**, it is played on the ictus unless it is tied. A **single grace note, tied or without an accent mark**, is played before the ictus. The **Pedaling** should be a delicate balance between the two opposites of clearness and resonance, with brilliant execution of the notes allowing for a greater resonance from the pedaling. When *senza sordini* is indicated, half pedals may be carefully used to articulate harmonic changes and retain clarity. Variation in pedal depth may be used to add variety to sections. Care must be taken to avoid any abrupt or premature terminations of important notes sounding from preceding measures.

Written Played

In sections indicated *con sordini*, the pedal may be used to enhance the sound of the piano, while retaining tonal clarity. When **an accent occurs on a note used in tremolo**, the accent is only applied to the first note as shown in the following example.

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**PETER WARE** (May 4, 1951) has fashioned a melodic and harmonic vocabulary both distinctive and attractive. Frequently drawing titles from North American landscapes, Ware seeks to climb inside his sources creating an organic rather than narrative musical style. Expressionistic with driving rhythm and intense dissonance, his music evolves through long-breathed melodies, spun out almost endlessly in a free-flowing contrapuntal texture. Ware's musical structures develop naturally from motivic cells that seem to grow and mutate in an evolutionary sense. Fascinating in its defiance of analysis, the music emerges from a primitive sense and communicates directly with the listener on a purely spiritual level. For this reason, its meaning can be interpreted and understood emotionally, but the message is encoded outside the realm of language.

Ware's early musical training was in the church choir and under the piano tutelage of Florence Robertson in Beethoven's lineage. He studied composition at Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Cincinnati and Yale University. His principal teachers include Krzysztof Penderecki, Scott Huston, Roman Haubenstock-Ramati and Toru Takemitsu.

While many composers claim inspiration from the works and spirit of Beethoven, Ware's orchestra music is large in gesture with the heroic always surfacing and a sense of undeniable majesty. It communicates the universal awe, a speechlessness that can only be captured in the language of tone. In the end, the process is clearly recognizable as an extremely personal testimonial: the individual artist struggling for context in the world, and through the workings out of their art, championing and empowering themselves with spirit transcending.

Ware attracts numerous commissions with grants from the Canada Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council and the Ohio Arts Council. He has attracted commissions and performances from ensembles such as the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Saskatoon Symphony's Composer-of-the-Season, Iceland Symphony Orchestra, Regina Symphony, Orchestra London Canada, Virginia Symphony, Hamilton Philharmonic, Mississauga Symphony Orchestra and the Canadian Chamber Ensemble/Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Richmond Symphony, Queen's Chamber Orchestra, National Chamber Orchestra, and Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. He has received composition prizes from the Minnesota Composers Forum, St. Louis New Music Circle, University of Cincinnati, Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society, Virginia Commonwealth University and Yale University. For more information on the composer, and a catalogue of his works and recordings may be obtained at his web site <http://www.PeterWare.com>

# Piscataway

“on looking deeper into the water”

Peter Ware  
(1951 - )

Andante con moto (♩ = ca. 86)

The musical score is written for piano and bass clef. It begins with a *Tacet* instruction, followed by a dynamic of *ff*. The tempo is marked *Andante con moto* with a quarter note equal to approximately 86 beats per minute. The score includes various dynamic markings such as *f*, *mf*, *mp*, *f*, *cresc.*, *ff*, *loco*, *subito*, *dim.*, *mp*, *riten.*, and *a tempo*. There are also articulation marks like accents and slurs. The score is divided into systems, with measures 6, 10, and 13 marked at the beginning of their respective systems. A *senza sordina sul La* instruction is present at the bottom left. A *8va* instruction is shown above the first system. There are several *Red.* (Redaction) marks and asterisks throughout the score.

17 *a tempo*

*mf* *m.s.* *p* *f* *ff* *mp molto cresc.* *tr*

21 *a tempo*

*ff* *f* *riten.* *sffp* *ff* *pp*

*con sordina sul La* *Red.*

26 *a tempo*

*ff* *mf* *mf* *ff*

30

*sempre pp* *mf poco* *a* *poco* *dim.* *a* *pp*

36

Musical score for measures 36-40. The piece is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The upper staff (treble clef) features a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mf*, and *mp niente*. The lower staff (bass clef) has a bass line with dynamics *Red.*, *\* Red.*, *Red.*, *Red. Red.*, and *Red.*. There are several slurs and accents throughout the passage.

41

Musical score for measures 41-46. The piece is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The upper staff (treble clef) has dynamics *mf*, *mf*, *f*, *p*, *f*, *mp*, *mf*, and *ff*. The lower staff (bass clef) has dynamics *mf*, *p*, *f*, *mp*, *mf*, and *ff*. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 and back to 4/4.

47

Musical score for measures 47-52. The piece is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The upper staff (treble clef) has dynamics *f* and *ff*. The lower staff (bass clef) has dynamics *p*, *mf*, *pp*, *f*, and *mp*. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 and back to 4/4.

53

Musical score for measures 53-57. The piece is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The upper staff (treble clef) has dynamics *ff*, *ff*, *p*, *mf*, and *mf*. The lower staff (bass clef) has dynamics *ff*, *cantabile*, *dim.*, and *mf*. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 and back to 4/4. Performance markings include *riten.* and *esp.*

59 *meno mosso*

*p* *f espressivo* *f*

Measures 59-63: Bass clef, 6/4 time signature. Measure 59: *p*. Measure 60: *f espressivo*. Measure 61: *f*. Measure 62: *f*. Measure 63: *f*. Dynamics: *p*, *f espressivo*, *f*. Tempo: *meno mosso*. Time signatures: 6/4, 3/4, 4/4, 4/4, 6/4.

64

*ppp* *f* *sub. mp* *ff* *f*

Measures 64-66: Bass clef, 6/4 time signature. Measure 64: *ppp*. Measure 65: *f*. Measure 66: *sub. mp*, *ff*, *f*. Dynamics: *ppp*, *f*, *sub. mp*, *ff*, *f*. Time signatures: 6/4, 4/4, 3/4.

67

*cresc.* *ff* *pp* *cresc.*

Measures 67-70: Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. Measure 67: *cresc.*. Measure 68: *cresc.*. Measure 69: *cresc.*. Measure 70: *ff*, *pp*, *cresc.*. Dynamics: *cresc.*, *ff*, *pp*, *cresc.*. Time signatures: 3/4, 3/4, 3/4, 3/4.

71

*mf* *dim.* *p* *p* *mf* *f*

Measures 71-74: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. Measure 71: *mf*. Measure 72: *dim.*. Measure 73: *p*. Measure 74: *p*. Dynamics: *mf*, *dim.*, *p*, *p*, *mf*, *f*. Time signatures: 4/4, 4/4, 3/4, 3/4.

75

8va

*ff* *mp* *p* *molto cresc.* *ff* *fff* *mp* *f*

*mf*

8ba

81

8va

*ff* *mf* *ff* *f* *mf*

88

8va

*ff* *ff* *f* *ff* *mf*

92

8va

*f* *ff* *dim.*

Lento (♩ = ca. 58)

98

*mp*

*legato ppp poco a poco cresc. (misurato)*

8va

8ba

103

*ff*

*p cresc.*

*f*

*f*

*ff*

8va

8ba

106

*mf*

*mf*

*pp mf*

*f*

*mf*

8va

8ba

111

*mf*

*p*

*pp*

*pp*

*accel. al*

*p*

*accel. al*

*cresc. tremolo*

8va

8ba



Andante ♩ = ca. 86

8va

117 *ff* *f*  
*mf cresc.* *ff* *f legato*

8ba

*riten. a*

8va

122

*meno mosso tranquillo espressivo*

8va

125 *ff* *f* *ff* *mf* *f* *f* *mf* *f*

130

*mf* *mp* *mp* *p* *pp* *f*

\* *Red.*

*più mosso*

*riten.*

133

*a tempo animato*

8va

**Presto**

137

141

147

154

*cresc.*

160

*f*

(h)

166

*dim.*

172

*p*

2

179

*f*

185

*f*

190

*f*

196

200  $\hat{e}$ .

*cresc.* *ff*

207  $\#e$ .

*ff p* *molto cresc.*

213 *con fuoco* 8va *simile*

*ff*

217 8va *molto* *rit.* *a* *meta movimento*

*mp* *p* *pp*

*ff* *ff*

*"Ware's pungent, poignant **Nakina** suite." -Los Angeles Times*

*"Romantic, lyrical and impressionistic all at once, the pieces have a beautiful natural pianism" -Hamilton Spectator*

*"Ware offers melodic content that is quite strong, **Totentanz** a fascinating score with a motoric rhythm that drives the work forward." -Fanfare*

*"Ware's style, inspired by North America's landscape and Indian heritage, has been described as 'paintings in sound.' **Chama** is exactly that. It evoked exotic imagery which produced a blend both surreal and dramatic." - Kitchener Waterloo Record*

*"Night Rainbow finds the piano glistening as the clarinet and viola intone mysterious chants. Time is virtually suspended in Ware's pieces, which are mesmerizing in effect." -Akron Beacon Journal*

*"**Chama** began with a long lustrous flute solo, gradually growing more knotty." - New York Times*

*Chama "the Eagal and the Plumed Serpent" "Played properly this music will dazzle an audience and thrill the players."  
-Soundboard*

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##### **PISCATAWAY "On Looking Deeper into the Water" Piano solo 12' Peter Ware**

Utilizing the extreme ranges of the piano in a virtuoso display, this piece is named after the Piscataway river in Virginia. Colourful flourishes contrast with long-breathed melodies; and although metered, the rhythm is perceived as free, symbolic of the river's rapid current and still eddies. As numerous sustained trills and tremolos shimmer on, dynamic balance and endurance are essential. Score 11 p. AE1557 \$11.98

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