

# **Among Friends**

version 2

**by Pamela J. Marshall  
for horn quartet or choir**

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**PREVIEW**



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Version 1 for brass quartet: trumpet, 2 horns, euphonium

Version 2 for horn quartet

“Among Friends” is gentle and conversational - a gathering of like-minded people who take pleasure in a friendly discussion. I picture debates and repartee, clever quips and eloquent reflections, culminating in a deeply felt accord as all the musicians play a unison melody. I originally wrote “Among Friends” for a quartet of high school and adult brass players at the Rivers School, commissioned by their coach Dan Shaud. It was an interesting variation of the standard brass quartet instrumentation. Two horns in the middle, plus the euphonium, enhance the theme of friends with their warm sound.

The second version is for horn quartet. The tessitura of horn 1 is a little high, but still comfortable. Esprit de Cor, for whom I made the adaptation, performed it as an octet, doubling the parts.

Duration ~4.75 minutes

Written in 2006, adapted for horns in 2008

commissioned by Dan Shaud for his brass quartet at Rivers School, Weston, MA

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Moderato espressivo  $J = 92$

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Horn 3 in F

Horn 4 in F

5

10

mf

f

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

Among Friends for horn quartet

15 A

Musical score for horn quartet, page 1, measures 15-19. The score consists of four staves, each representing a different horn. Measure 15 starts with rests. Measures 16-19 feature rhythmic patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes with various dynamics: *mf*, *mp*, *p*, *mp*, *p*, *mp*, *mf-p*, and *mp*. Measure 19 concludes with a dynamic of *mp*.

Musical score for horn quartet, page 1, measures 20-23. Measures 20-23 continue the rhythmic patterns established earlier. Dynamics include *mf*, *mf*, *f*, *f*, *mf*, *mf*, *f*, and *mf*. Measure 23 ends with a dynamic of *mf*.

Musical score for horn quartet, page 2, measures 24-27. Measures 24-27 show more complex rhythmic patterns and dynamics. Measures 24 and 25 begin with *ff* dynamics. Measures 26 and 27 also feature *ff* dynamics. Measure 27 concludes with a dynamic of *pp*.

## Among Friends for horn quartet

28 **B** Piu mosso  $\text{♩} = 104$ 

*nettamente (neat)*

**pp**

*nettamente (neat)*

**pp**

*nettamente (neat)*

**p**

*espress.*

**33**

**mp**

**f**

**mp**

**f**

**38**

**C**

**f**

**f**

**muted**

**muted**

**pp**

**pp**

**mp**

**muted**

Among Friends for horn quartet

43 muted                                      open

open    espress.

p    p

cresc.

p    mp

mp

48

f

open

f

muted

mf

open

mf

mf

52

f

f

f

open

p

f

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**D**

56

**E** Allegro  $\text{♩} = 112$

61

65

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70

75

**F**

80

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85

89

mf

mf

mf

92

ff

ff

ff

rit.

96 **G** Meno mosso, freely\*  $\text{♩} = 88$  Among Friends for horn quartet

Musical score for horn quartet (four staves) in G minor, tempo  $\text{♩} = 88$ . Measure 96 starts with a dynamic of 3. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with various slurs and grace notes. Measures 97-100 continue this pattern. Measures 101-104 show a transition with more complex rhythms and dynamics, including a dynamic of 3.

Musical score for horn quartet (four staves) in G minor, tempo  $\text{♩} = 88$ . Measure 101 continues the rhythmic pattern from the previous page. Measures 102-104 show a continuation of this pattern, with measure 104 ending on a dynamic of 3.

Musical score for horn quartet (four staves) in G minor, tempo  $\text{♩} = 88$ . Measures 105-108 show a continuation of the rhythmic pattern, with measure 108 ending on a dynamic of 3.

\*Discuss dynamics for ending and choose how you'd like to play it.

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- Through the Mist (2222-2220, harp, 3pc, timp, strings) in 3 mvts
- A chill wind in autumn (solo voice, 2222-4221-3pc, strings)
- Traditional Christmas (treble chorus or soloist, 2222-4221, harp, 3pc, timp, strings)
- Three Appalachian Carols (2222-4231, harp, 2pc, timp, strings)

### Keyboard

- Suite for harpsichord or piano
- For piano: Daydream, Stomp, Imagine That Time Stops
- Wordless Prayer for piano or organ
- Playbook (Pacem Student Composing Project) for piano

### Vocal

- Deepest Shade for SATB chorus
- The Future of Life for SATB chorus, trombone, piano
- Shepherds and Angels for SATB chorus, violin, harp, tamborine
- Weaving the World for SATB chorus, oboe, piano
- Windshine for SATB chorus and cello
- Wordless Prayer for SATB chorus
  
- Body and Soul Vol.1 for mezzo-soprano and string trio
- Body and Soul Vol.2 for soprano, flute, cello, piano
- Ariel's Songs for high or medium voice and piano
- Remember the Old Songs for high voice and piano
- Sky's Mirror for voice and cello
- A chill wind in autumn for voice and piano

### Strings

- Arcanum for solo violin, Soliloquy for solo cello
- Elusive Sleep for cello and piano
- Pascal's Theorems for cello and doublebass
- Truth Becoming for string quartet
- Soliloquy for cello
- Rising for viola or cello
- Quinteto sobre las poemas de Carlos Pintado for violin, viola, cello, doublebass, piano
- Through the Mist for flute, violin, harp or guitar

### Winds & Brass

- Poetry-Inspired solos for flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet
- Enchanted for oboe and chamber orchestra or piano
- Wanderer for brass quintet
- Resonances for alto saxophone, trumpet, 2 trombones, percussion
- Waves and Fountains for oboe, horn, piano
- "wild horn whose voice the woodland fills" for 8 horns
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- Zoa for flute and harp

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