

Dinos Constantinides

Reflections VI
“The Tyger”
*for voice or horn in F
and piano*

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and String Orchestra

Duration: 6:30

Dinos Constantinides' *Reflections Series* deals with the voice and various instruments. The subject matter of the included works always has to do with impressions and experiences from the composer's past.

Reflections VI - The Tyger (1994) is set to William Blake's poem, *The Tyger*. The work is written for the composer's favorite cat "Tiger" and attempts to portray Tiger's personality. Although Tiger looked like a tiger, he had no ferocious characteristics. In fact, he had a wonderful face and a very easy going manner. He was a stray cat who adopted the composer and his family and seemed to have had hard times when on his own. After he was comfortable with his new family, Tiger was very quick to understand situations and he used to add his comments frequently. He lived a rather short life but a good one.

The piece employs a repeated note motive that pervades the entire work. A descending chromatic chord progression controls the harmonic structure of the composition and creates mood changes that were very much part of every day with Tiger's life.

The music of Dinos Constantinides has been performed throughout the world. He is the recipient of many grants, commissions and awards, including first prizes in the 1981 Brooklyn College International Chamber Competition, the 1985 First Midwest Chamber Opera Conference, and the 1997 Delius Composition Contest Grand Prize. He also received the 1985 American New Music Consortium Distinguished Service Award, the 1989 Glen Award of l'Ensemble of New York, several Meet the Composer grants and numerous ASCAP Standard Awards. In 1994 he was honored with a Distinguished Teacher White House Commission on Presidential Scholars.

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