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Nocturne

for clarinet and piano

NOCTURNE is a night melody. Cool, placid chords set the scene, and then we enter a peaceful call-and-response of melodic themes. As the piece begins to warm up, the soloist rises to new peaks of plaintive emotion. Like the tide coming in by night, each receding wave is met by another rising one as the piece reaches an ecstatic climax, and then finally settles back into stillness.