

Alec Roth – STRING QUARTET No 2

commissioned by James and Lis Woods

first performed by the Allegri String Quartet, St Thomas's Church, Salisbury (Salisbury International Festival), 23 May 2010

- 1 Waiting
- 2 Dancing
- 3 Singing
- 4 Dancing
- 5 Waiting

COMPOSER'S NOTE

This, my second string quartet, was commissioned by James and Lis Woods, and first performed by the Allegri String Quartet at the 2010 Salisbury International Festival. It lasts about 20 minutes and is divided into five movements. The first is a kind of prelude which pulses gently and carries the seeds of musical ideas which will develop in the following movements. The second is a rather quirky dance using the effect of plucked strings (*pizzicato*) in interlocking rhythms. The central third movement is a slowly-unwinding melody sung by all four instruments together. The fourth is a vigorous dance. The short fifth contains echoes of the preceding movements and seems to take us back to where we started.

DURATION

ca. 20 minutes

FORCES REQUIRED

String Quartet

PERFORMANCE MATERIALS

Full Score; Parts

SCORE SAMPLE

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