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INTO THE DARKNESS

PROGRAM NOTES

This composition is inspired by the dream-like image of a futuristic war taking place in a fantastic world, as one might imagine from a science-fiction novel. The ominously dark atmosphere is filled with violent clashing as soldiers march into battle and fight desperately for their lives. Following the ultimate climax, the last soldier falls and the scene is silent once again. Over the thousands of bodies lying motionless on the ground, a choral bursts forth in sweet song, mourning the death of those who fought in battle. With one final gesture, the last soldier's life diminishes, and the scene fades slowly away into the darkness...