

Nkeiru Okoye, Composer

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Program Notes and Information

Movements for String Quartet

For string quartet

Music by Nkeiru Okoye

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| 1. Overcoming. | 3 min |
| 2. King Fallen | 3 min |
| 3. Dancing Barefoot in the Rain | 2 min |

Approximate duration is 8 minutes

ABOUT MOVEMENTS

Movements is a set of three of Nkeiru Okoye's short works, in new orchestration for string quartet. They take you on a journey through time and musical styles.

Overcoming, originally for String Orchestra, has an ostinato or repeated pattern, a fiddle tune, that becomes an arrangement of "We Shall Overcome." Some people hear the slow, stateliness of an allemande, in the outer sections.

King Fallen captures the sensation of profound loss, after hearing a loved one has died. It is a moment suspended in time. Martin Luther King died. I wrote in the tradition of a Sarabande, in a slow triple meter, with a stress on the second beat.

Dancing Barefoot in the Rain, is from **African Sketches**. It is the remembrance of happily playing in the warm shower of West African rain with childhood schoolmates during the year my family lived in Nigeria. If you listen closely, you can feel the children's joyful spirits.

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