on finding repose

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for clarinet sextet

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program note

on finding repose depicts the ethereal quality of the night sky. the title comes from the journey to finding inner peace, a journey that i am on. the idea for this work came from a time when my high school marching band went to a rest stop in the dead of the night. i had always felt like an outsider to my band, but that night, something about the presence of the sheltering sky at that rest stop made me feel truly grateful for being a part of my band. the work of takashi yoshimatsu, joe hisaishi, and katahj copley all invoke a meditative and grateful feeling deeply within my soul (similar to inner peace that i felt that night), and this work's harmonic language is strongly influenced by their work.

on finding repose also is also an apology to those i have treated wrongly before in my program. i am deeply sorry, and i hope that you can find solace in the night sky images created by on finding repose.

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