## SHAKER DANCE AND LAMENT

(from Tapestry: A New England Suite)

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## INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
String Bass

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Two contrasting Shaker melodies provide the framework for this piece. The first, "Followers of the Lamb," was written by Sister Clarissa Jacobs (1833–1905). According to the Shaker Community of Sabbathday Lake, Maine, this song is often used to introduce a gift of joy. The second melody is "Father James's Song," a wordless tune, composed by Father James Whittaker (1751–1787) after he had endured one of many episodes of persecution. The string orchestra suites of Gustav Holst were a strong influence during the writing of this movement—the opening movement of *Tapestry: A New England Suite*.



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