## Now Shall My Head Be Lifted Up Above My Enemies (DANNY VELASCO'S TESTIMONY)

programmatic music for brass quintet with video slide presentation by William Vollinger ©2007

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e-mail: williamvollinger@aol.com website: www.williamvollinger.com This piece is the true story of Danny Velasco, told in his own words, as follows:

"My life just continued to get worse and worse and worse. & I ended up living in the streets." I started developing a lot of phobias, & just stuff that comes from malnutrition and drugs. And I developed a lot of voices that began to scream in my head: One voice that just accused me, constantly accusing me and condemning me. Another voice that spoke in my head just spoke filthy language, constantly screaming filthy language in my head. Another voice just laughed & laughed & laughed & laughed uncontrollably in my head. & I began to talk to these voices, talk back to these voices. & I was just a crazy man walking the streets of New York, riddled with phobias & all kinds of fears, & these voices that screamed in my head, & that I was talking to. So if you walked by me on the street (you've probably walked by people like that everyday in New York) I was the most hopeless guy on the planet. I finally went into a hospital because I was dying on the street, & I didn't want to die on the street. I wanted to die in a hospital. I had hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C now. They immediately injected me with something that knocked me out, & when I woke up I was laying in this hospital bed, pretty confused, not really knowing where I was at. & these voices just started raging in my head again, just screaming & screaming. & in the midst of all of those voices for one moment I heard a sweet little voice that said, "The day you call on the name of the Lord, He's gonna set you free." And that's the moment that I just screamed out with everything in me, "Oh Jesus help me! God help me! Jesus! You're my only hope." And it was at that moment that the Spirit of the Living God just swept into that hospital room, and it just overwhelmed me. It was as if He was all around me. & I knew that He was touching me and healing me. & all the fears and all the phobias just dropped away from me. & at that moment I knew that God was real, & that He had heard me, & that He loved me. & I knew that I would never be the same again."

Each of the five instruments in this piece is a voice in Danny's testimony: the tuba is the cursing voice, the trombone is the accusing voice, the muted second trumpet is the laughing voice, the first trumpet is Danny's voice. and the horn is the voice of God.

## Now Shall My Head Be Lifted Up Above My Enemies **SCORE** (DANNY VELASCO'S TESTIMONY)

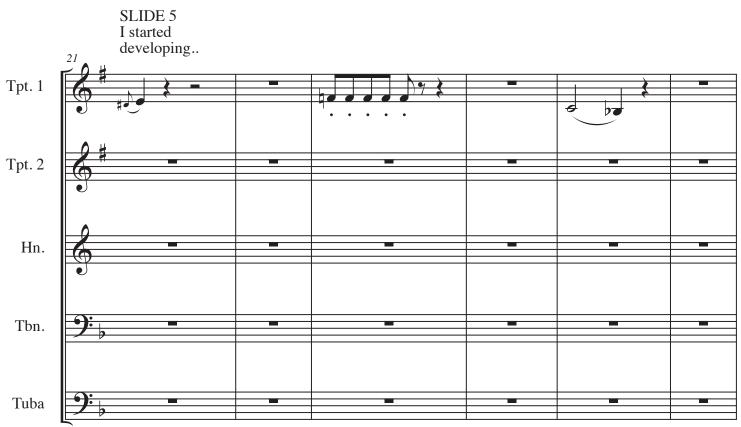
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This piece should be either performed with slides as indicated in the score, or if not have the entire text on the preceding page read aloud before the performance as well as printed in the program. PowerPoint or Keynote formats for the slides may be obtained by contacting the composer at williamvollinger@aol.com

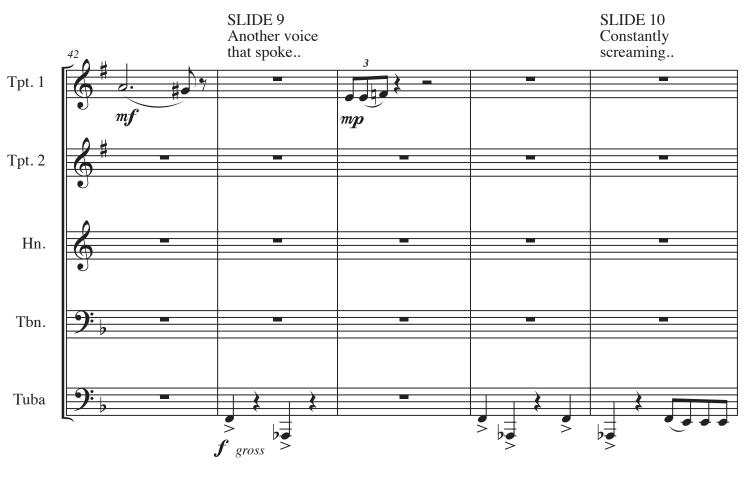












SLIDE 11 Another voice just laughed..







SLIDE 14 And I was just a crazy man..















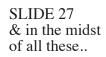


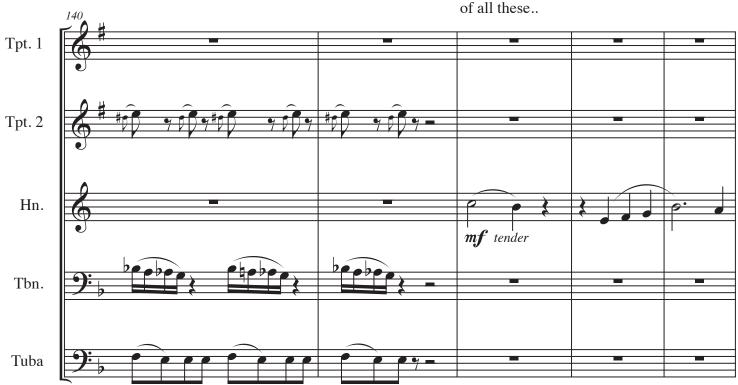


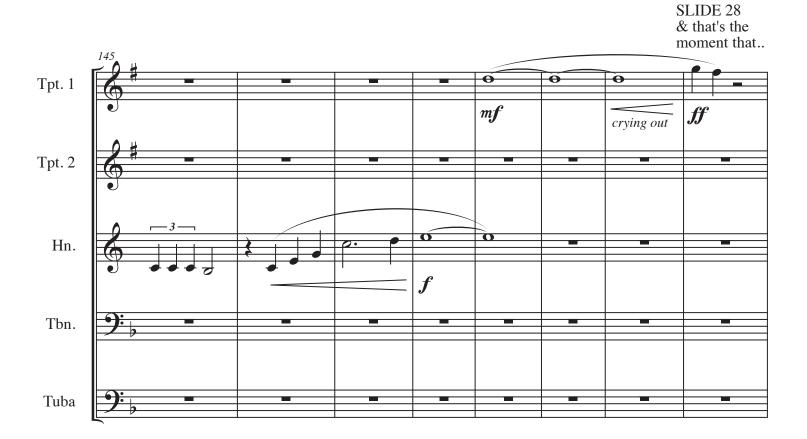




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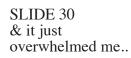


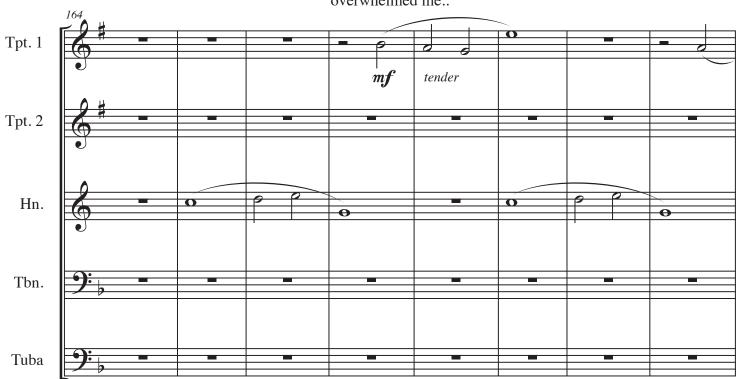


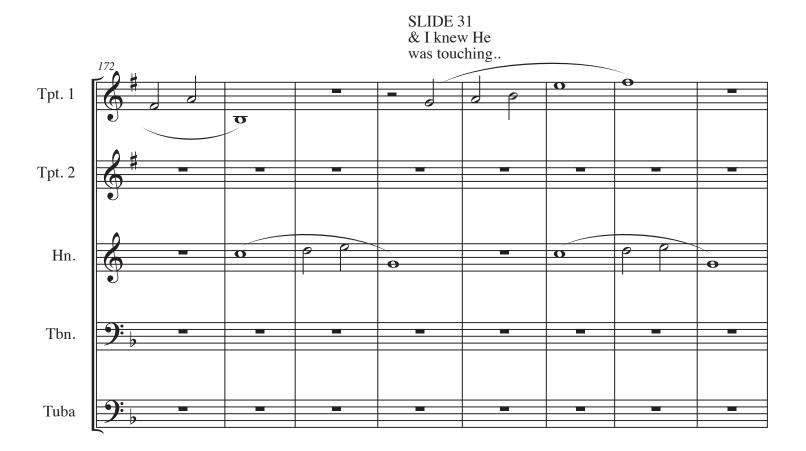


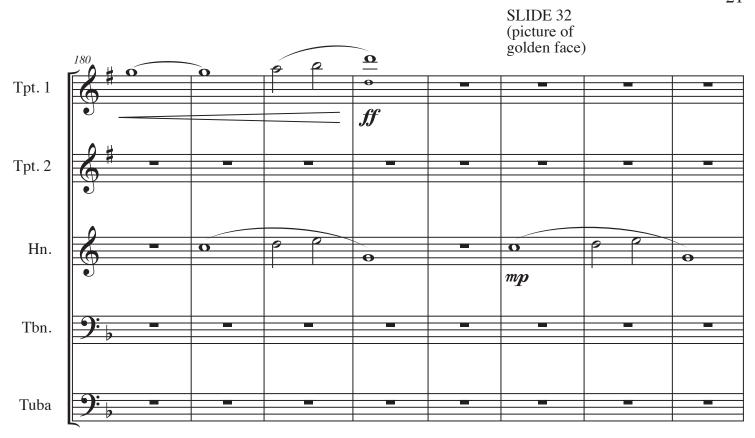


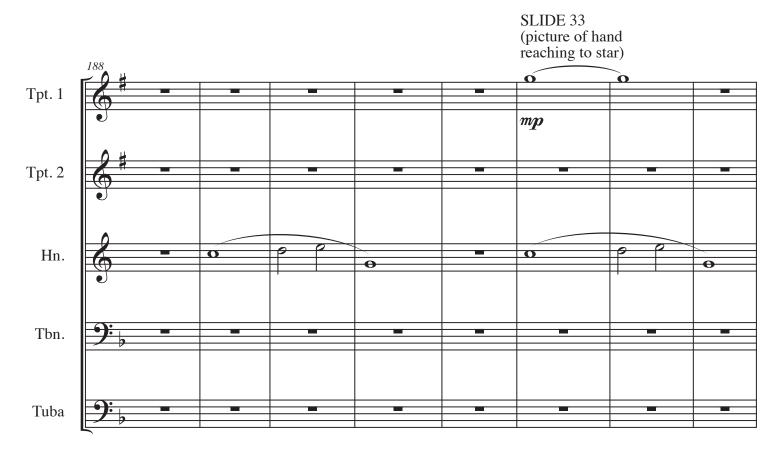
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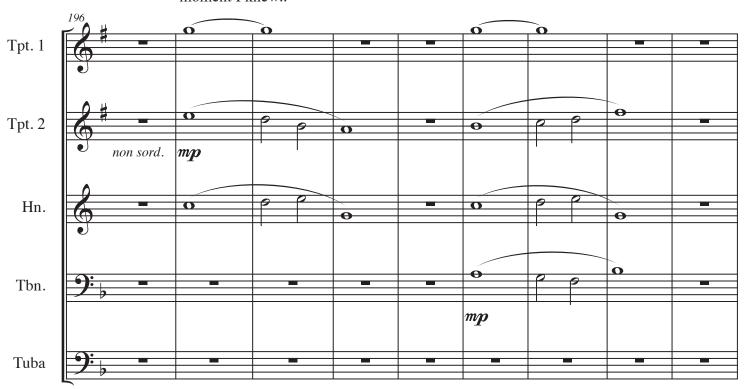


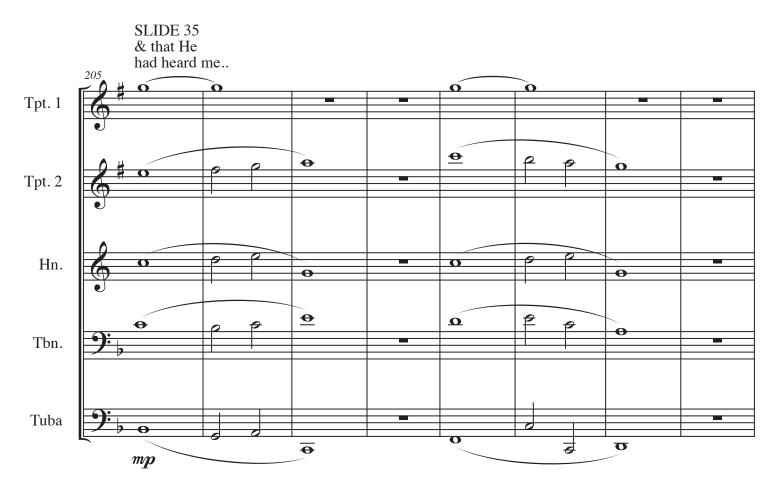
















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