

watersmooth-silver

for orchestra: 2+pic.2(ca).2(Ebcl).2/2.2.2.1/timp.3perc[2 slap-sticks, bass drum, vibraphone, marimba, tam-tam, 3 siren whistles, 3 police whistles, chimes, triangle, xylophone, crotales, ratchet, anvil, small cowbell, 2 tin cans, brake drum]/pf(=cel)/str

10 minutes

Brooke Joyce (2001, revised 2004)

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Program Note:

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Buffalo Bill's

defunct

    who used to

    ride a watersmooth-silver

        stallion

and break onetwothreefourfive pigeonsjustlikethat

                                Jesus

he was a handsome man

                                and what i want to know is

how do you like your blueeyed boy

Mister Death