

## Seven Spirituals

for tenor and contrabass trombones

I. Hammering

II. The Downward Road is Crowded

III. Give Me Your Hand

IV. Roll On

V. God is a God

VI. Shepherd, Shepherd

VII. Don't You Let Nobody Turn You Around

12 minutes

Arranged by Brooke Joyce (2021)

Commissioned and Premiered by Benjamin Yates and Eric High, 2022

Program Note: At the center of each of these short movements is a Black American folk song, collected by John W. Work in his seminal collection “American Negro Songs: 230 Folk Songs and Spirituals, Religious and Secular.” My own creative voice is present only to bear witness to these songs and allow their beauty to be heard. These arrangements were commissioned by contrabass trombonist Eric High.