Eta Geminorum (a version of this piece is contained in an earlier work, Winter Constellations) for Bb clarinet

3 minutes

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Program note:

Eta Geminorum is the name of a triple star system in the constellation Gemini. Although I'm more interested in the beauty rather than the physics of astronomical objects, I'm fascinated by the idea that these stars are joined together by gravity and are thus treated as a system, not just as individual objects. The music I've written uses similar ideas of gravitational pull, structures within structures, and, hopefully, a sense of awe and beauty.