

Playing
Time:
66:04

Richard
DANIELPOUR
(b. 1956)

- 1 First Light (1988) 13:06**
The Awakened Heart (1990) 23:57
2 Into the World's Night 8:53
3 Epiphany 7:41
4 My Hero Bares His Nerves 7:23

**Symphony No. 3 'Journey
Without Distance' (1989)* 29:01**

Text by Helen Schucman and William Thetford,
prepared by Richard Danielpour and
Judith Skutch Whitson

- 5 Part One 16:00**
6 Part Two 13:01

Faith Esham, Soprano*
Seattle Symphony and Choral*
Gerard Schwarz

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Strongly inclined towards neo-romanticism, Richard Danielpour's music is a rich unity of energy, intensity, and serenity. *First Light* reveals these elements perfectly with its rhythmically charged writing contrasting with hypnotic chant melodies. *The Awakened Heart* is a kaleidoscopic three-movement work that ranges from darkness and passion through a stately chorale to an exuberant and breathless conclusion. *Symphony No. 3* charts a triumphant ascent from "the dream of death and our own fearful existence" to a belief "in a world of hope and love." "Danielpour is an outstanding composer for any time – one who knows how to communicate deep, important emotions through simple, direct means." (*The New York Daily News*)

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