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Jacob  
**DRUCKMAN**  
(1928-1996)

**String Quartets Nos. 2 and 3**

**String Quartet No. 3 (1981)\* 27:11**

- 1** I. Variations 1-3; Marcia-ritornello; Scherzo I; Marcia-ritornello 11:37  
**2** II. Variations 4-6 6:04  
**3** III. Marcia ritornello; Scherzo II; Variations 7-9 9:30

**Reflections on the Nature of Water (1986)\*\* 15:17**

- 4** I. Crystalline 3:25  
**5** II. Fleet 1:41  
**6** III. Tranquil 2:47  
**7** IV. Gently swelling 2:06  
**8** V. Profound 3:13  
**9** VI. Relentless 2:04  
**10** Dark Wind (1994)† 5:46  
**11** String Quartet No. 2 (1966)\* 18:26

**The Group for Contemporary Music**

**Curtis Macomber, Violin \* † • Carol Zeavin, Violin \*  
Lois Martin, Viola \* • Fred Sherry, Cello \* †  
Daniel Druckman, Marimba \*\***

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American flag, folk artist, 1880s.



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Although he is best known for his dramatic orchestral works, Jacob Druckman also composed a sizeable body of chamber music. The *Second String Quartet* was written during his most experimental phase, and calls upon its performers to utilise a host of unorthodox techniques, whereas the *Third Quartet* of fifteen years later is a much more classical affair. *Reflections on the Nature of Water* for solo marimba, played on this recording by Druckman's son Dan, is a series of études in homage to Debussy's piano preludes. *Dark Wind*, one of Druckman's last works before his death in 1996, is remarkably concentrated and concise, and is a fitting summation of all that is finest in his mature style.

Booklet notes in English

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