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The people of Poland have lived through often impossible conditions over the last three centuries, and this album is Polish-American composer Mark Nowakowski's tribute to their spirit of survival. *Songs of Forgiveness* is both a meditation on anger and grief and a lamentation on the stark realities of a society riven by tragedy. *Blood, Forgotten* is a multimedia memorial for the victims of Nazi and Soviet aggression during World War II, the electronic soundtrack using sounds from an instrument that survived one of the concentration camps. Partly written as a memorial for Henryk Górecki, *Grandfather Songs* also includes the surreal element of a recording of Nowakowski's family singing the war song *Hej Ułani*.

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String Quartet No. 1 'Songs of Forgiveness' (2010)	20:14
1. Unmoved Movement	10:51
2. ...So Soon to Leave	9:23
3. Blood, Forgotten (2005) for Solo Violin and Electronics	11:32
4. String Quartet No. 2 'Grandfather Songs' (in memoriam Henryk Górecki) (2011)	19:35
5. A Uśnijże mi, uśnij (Lullaby: O Sleep for me, sleep) (2012)	4:14

**Emily Ondracek-Peterson,
Solo Violin ③**

Voxare String Quartet ①②④⑤

Emily Ondracek-Peterson, Violin I
Galina Zhdanova, Violin II
Erik Christian Peterson, Viola
Adrian Daurov, Cello

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