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Robert Aitken invited Takemitsu to Canada for performances of his chamber music in the New Music Concerts series in 1975 and 1983. Their close friendship led to the composition of a number of works which were not only personally performed for Takemitsu by the musicians on this recording but benefited from his interpretative insights. *The Night* from *Toward the Sea*, one of several works on the subject of water, a continuing theme in the composer's works, received its first performance in Toronto in 1981 by Robert Aitken and the Cuban guitarist, Leo Brouwer.

## Toru TAKEMITSU

(1930-1996)

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| ① | <b>And Then I Knew 'Twas Wind</b> for Flute, Viola and Harp       | 12:52 |
| ② | <b>Rain Tree</b> for Three Percussion Players                     | 12:32 |
|   | <b>Toward the Sea</b> for Alto Flute and Guitar                   | 11:13 |
| ③ | I The Night   | 3:32  |
| ④ | II Moby Dick  | 4:09  |
| ⑤ | III Cape Cod  | 3:28  |
| ⑥ | <b>Bryce</b> for Flute, Two Harps, Marimba and Percussion         | 10:38 |
| ⑦ | <b>Itinerant</b> for Solo Flute                                   | 4:23  |
| ⑧ | <b>Voice</b> for Solo Flute                                       | 5:06  |
| ⑨ | <b>Air</b> for Solo Flute   | 6:06  |
| ⑩ | <b>Rain Spell</b> for Flute, Clarinet, Harp, Piano and Vibraphone | 8:38  |

### Toronto New Music Ensemble

Robert Aitken, Flute • Steven Dann, Viola • Erica Goodman, Sanya Eng, Harp  
Robin Engelman, John Wyre, Bob Becker, Russell Hartenberger, Ryan Scott, Percussion  
Norbert Kraft, Guitar • Joaquin Valdepeñas, Clarinet • David Swan, Piano

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