NORTHWEST RISING

By Robert Sheldon

orthwest Rising, Op. 50, was commissioned in 1994 by the North Carolina Central District Band Directors Association for the 9–10 District All-State High School Wind Ensemble.

The title of the piece refers to the hot-air balloons that frequently use the field across the street from our house as a launching site. On clear summer evenings the balloons fill the air, then rise from the northwest to fly over our house. Although I have never ridden in a hot-air balloon, I have written this piece to depict what it might be like to take a trip in one; the flurry of excitement as the balloon rises and glides across the landscape, the quiet serenity as it floats across the countryside, and the anticipation and thrill of the landing.

Instrumentation





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