## VARIANTS ON A NAUTICAL HYMN

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This work is written for and dedicated to the Kamiakin High School Wird Ensemble, Kennewick, Washington, which is directed by John Owen. It is based on the Naval Hymn, *Eternal Father, Strong to Save.* After a dramatic fanfare introduction (horns should play aggressively), the hymn is stated in a choral fashion. The first variant (at measure 29) features interplay between mirrored polychords in the winds and rhythmic figures in the percussion section, followed by a section evoking the sea (including some appropriate quotations). The second variant (at measure 74) is reminiscent of the music of Erik Satie. The 2/4 section in the third variant (measures 137) - 138) should be rehearsed slowly: first clarinets, horns and vibes; then cornets, then saxes; then together. The upper woodwind part at measure 168 should sound easy and shouldn't rush or overpower the melody in the trombones, etc. The chimes at measure 182 are an important part of the dramatic conclusion to this work.



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