THE WAYFARER

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INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor Score
- 8 Violin 1
- 8 Violin 2
- 5 Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Violoncello
- 5 Double Bass
- 1 Piano (opt.)





THE COMPOSER

Neridah Oostenbroek has been teaching strings and classroom music in Brisbane, Australia for over 20 years. She gained her Bachelor of Music and a Diploma of Secondary Education before later completing a Master of Philosophy in Violin Performance at the University of Queensland with Spiros Rantos. Neridah currently teaches at several schools in Brisbane as well as at home, and is in demand as a conductor, adjudicator, tutor, and teacher for music camps and festivals.

She also performs as a freelance violinist with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, the Queensland Pops Orchestra, and various chamber groups in addition to working as a piano accompanist for music and ballet exams.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

The Wayfarer is a piece for developing string ensembles. The simplistic legato melody portrays a wayfarer on a journey through the countryside. Although composed in D minor, the piece avoids any extension Bbs or Cps, making this minor tonal center more accessible to younger students. There is a D major section in the middle that features the cellos and basses before the opening melody returns. The piano part is not essential but certainly adds depth and character to the piece.

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