

for Ben Goldscheider

# The Water Remembers

Jonathan Dove

**Very gently moving**  $\text{♩} = 56$

Ped. (continuous sustain until b. 68)

4

always singing

*p*

7

*The Water Remembers* is an answer to the question that begins Fred Chappell's poem *Narcissus and Echo*: Shall the water not remember my hand's slow gesture...? In Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Narcissus is famed for his beauty and falls in love with his own reflection in a pool of water. Each of the horn's phrases is mirrored by its own reflection, subtly varied by the water's ripples.

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