# Gwyneth Walker Here to Stay

for String Orchestra

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duration 2:15

### **Notes**

This music uses the most basic of ingredients: diatonic harmonies and a constant meter of 4/4. The composer enjoys exploring small *nuggets of interest* within this familiar style. Perhaps an occasional dissonance or rhythmic syncopation can enliven a language that is **Here to Stay**!

## The Composer

Widely performed throughout the country, the music of American composer Gwyneth Walker is beloved by performers and audiences alike for its energy, beauty, reverence, drama, and humor. Dr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) is a graduate of Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She holds B.A., M.M. and D.M.A. degrees in Music Composition. A former faculty member of the Oberlin College Conservatory, she resigned from academic employment in 1982 in order to pursue a career as a full-time composer. For nearly 30 years, she lived on a dairy farm in Braintree, Vermont before returning to live in her childhood hometown of New Canaan, Connecticut.

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