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Contrition flute and viola

'Contrition' in its original version for alto or bass flute solo was composed in Xinzheng, Henan, China on March 9 & 10, 2022, and is dedicated to Karen Lonsdale. This version for flute and viola dates from December 2023 and is based upon a version for oboe and viola made in March 2023, dedicated to Juan Manuel García Cano-Ruíz and Maryia Grudo.

Prior to writing this piece I had experienced a somewhat unfortunate turn of events which had left me feeling rather drained. As well, the recently launched war in Ukraine contributed to a general sense of uncertainty and anxiety. While searching for a suitable title for this as yet unnamed composition 'Contrition' seemed to fit both the zeitgeist as well as the restless musical line.

Dur. c. 3' 30"

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