

## DEDICATORY NOTE

'Interlude for Strings [2018]' was dedicated, in a public announcement I made at the work's premiere, at The Church of St. Mary The Virgin, Bottesford NG13 0DA, on 14 September 2019, to: Mr. Speaker, John Bercow. At the time of the concert, Parliament had been, controversially, prorogued. Shortly afterwards, on 24 September, the Supreme Court determined the prorogation to have been illegal. My dedicating of my composition to Mr. Bercow, the then Speaker of the House of Commons, is in honour of his determined defence of our parliamentary democracy at a dark period in its history.