

## Geoffrey Palmer - Seas of Light and Dark

I Night Storm

II Shadow

III Stars above the head; stars under the feet

These three sketches were all written in the last few weeks at my house on the north Yorkshire coast, rather in the manner of diary entries. *Night Storm*, not surprisingly, originated in a "northerly Force 10" during which the rain came through (not just under!) my front door. *Shadow* marks the death of my collie dog of that name in April, and describes the incongruous brightness of the sea on the day she died.

Finally comes *Stars above the head; stars under the feet*: when the tide goes out on a clear night it leaves a vast expanse of smooth, wet sand which mirrors the stars and planets astonishingly clearly; this unusual music, an exploration of chromatic and microtonal resonances, perhaps parallels the magical disorientation of walking both on and under the universe.