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1) *Introductory Movement* 8:33 2) *Main Movement* 15:14 KRONOS QUARTET: David Harrington, violin John Sherba, violin / Hank Dutt, viola Joan Jeanrenaud, cello

For this Elektra/Nonesuch release, the Kronos Quartet interprets Witold Lutoslawski's 1964 String Quartet, an uncommonly difficult piece since the four musicians are commanded to play their parts ad lib, as if they were alone. Lutoslawski was influenced by the random procedures of John Cage, but he also wished to maintain dramatic structure, so string quartet includes rigidity in time measures. The balance between freedom and structure provides for a surprisingly appealing recording. ---John Bush, Rovi

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