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It has not taken long - Program Note

It has not taken long is inspired by a song of the same title by legendary German singer-songwriter Nico. I have always had a special relationship with Nico and her work, having covered it several times with my performing and singing, especially as her voice has a low and dark quality similar to mine. Therefore, with this work for Inbal Segev, I sought to highlight her intensely lyrical and melodic playing by expanding the lyrical line of the song to cello, specifically embracing the instrument's upper range and mirroring Nico's high chest voice with singing. I hope that through this development, the innate relationship between the cello and the voice is highlighted and intrinsically explored.

It has not taken long was commissioned by Inbal Segev for her 20 for 2020 project, and written in the Spring and Summer of 2021 in Fairfield, CT and Charlottesville, VA.