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# MY FLAME THE SONG

**EUAN TAIT**  
(b 1968)

**KIM ANDRÉ ARNESEN**  
(b 1980)

**Flowing and shimmering** ♩ = 76      **poco rit a tempo**

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

**Flowing and shimmering** ♩ = 76      **poco rit a tempo**

PIANO

*pp*

con Ped

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SOPRANO *pp*

I give this flame, \_\_\_\_\_ my flame the song, \_\_\_\_\_ I pass it

ALTO *pp*

I give this flame, \_\_\_\_\_ my flame the song, \_\_\_\_\_ I pass it

8

from my life to yours, it ga-thers strength, through names we've

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*cresc*

11

loved, you catch the flame and your name shines. The

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*p* *cresc*

14

fra - gile flame held in the heart, it joins us all, love to

fra - gile flame held in the heart, it joins us all, love to

*mp* *mp*

17

love. The hu - man voice, our flame the song, so

love. The hu - man voice, our flame the song, so

mf

mf

mf

20

fierce its flame, it cries out love, love gath - 'ring, love

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pp

pp

pp

dim

(8)

23

burn - ing the life of mu - sic's heart.

burn - ing the life of mu - sic's heart.

poco rit

a tempo

poco rit

a tempo

p

cresc

26

S

A *mp*  
We know the wounds, the tear of grief, ex -

T *mp*  
We know the wounds, the tear of grief, the flame ex -

B *mp*  
We know the wounds, the tear of grief, the flame ex -

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*mp*  
the si - lent voice,

-tin - guished sud - den dark,

-tin - guished, sud - den dark, the si - lent voice, the emp - ty

-tin - guished, sud - den dark, the si - lent voice, the emp - ty

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the road, the lives torn out by roots. *mf* *f* ah.

the lives we love torn out by the roots. *mf* *f* ah.

road, the lives we love torn out by the roots. *mf* *f* The

road, the lives we love torn out by the roots. *mf* *f* The

35

fra - gile flame held in the heart, it joins us all, love to

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38

The hu - man voice, our flame the song, so love.

The hu - man voice, our flame the song, so love.

The hu - man voice, our flame the song, so love.

love. The hu - man voice, our flame the song, so

41

fierce its flame, it cries out love, to

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fierce its flame, it cries out love, so far off, yet call - ing, to

fierce its flame, it cries out love, so far off, yet call - ing, to

(Ped.)

45 **poco rit** *mp* **a tempo** *p* *mf*

lives on dis - tant shores. We gaze at

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**poco rit** **a tempo**

*p* *cresc* *mf*

49 *f*

love, love ga - zes back; see,

love, love ga - zes back; see,

*mf* *f*

love ga - zes back; see,

*mf* *f*

love ga - zes back; see,

*f*

(Ped.)

52 *mp*

love's tears

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love's tears burn on the ground, love

love's tears burn on the ground, love

55 *mf*

love

*f* love catch - es

*f* catch - es fire from our pain, love

*f* catch - es fire from our pain, love