

## **KŪMAS DZIESMAS**

**For piano trio**

### **PROGRAMME NOTES**

In Latvian, Kumas Dziesma means godparent's song. In the words to this particular song the godparents are looking for a name for the Padei. In old Latvia all babies under eight to ten days old were referred to as Padei and were not given names at birth because of the high rate of infant mortality.

The piano trio was written in response to The Schubert Ensemble's *Chamber Music 2000* project and the great need for easy chamber music for young musicians to perform. For convenience, a viola part is supplied as an optional alternative to cello.