

**THE FLAME**  
For violin & piano

**PROGRAMME NOTES**

*The Flame* was composed at a time when the composer had fallen in love with the writings of Rabindranath Tagore. A single line from the Bengali poet: '*What is this unseen flame of darkness whose sparks are the stars?*' merged in her mind's eye with a choreography for a solo female dancer who is the flame; at first she awakes and stretches; the embers glow before the flickering of a flame catches on in a wild, capricious dance.