

Fire-Flowers

for low voice and piano

from *Songs of Trees*

Commissioned by Jason Klippenstein

Duration ca. 3'30"

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from *Songs of Trees*:
Three songs on poems
by Emily Pauline Johnson

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Reminiscent ♩ = 66

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a vocal line in 4/4 time, marked *rubato* and *espress.*. The piano accompaniment starts with a *p* dynamic. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) features a vocal line with a melodic line and piano accompaniment. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the vocal and piano parts. The third system (measures 9-12) is marked *Reflective* and *mp*, with a tempo change to *And*. The piano part includes a section marked *And ad lib* in the first system. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs.

10

on - ly where the for - est fires _____ have sped,

mp

13

Scorch - ing re - lent - less - ly the cool north lands _____

mf

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18

pur - ple head, And, like some gen - tle spir - it sor - row -

20

fed, It hides the scars with al - most hu - man hands.

molto rit. *a tempo*

23

a tempo

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29

grief of hu-man pain There comes some pu-ri-fy-ing sweet be -

32

ff *rit.* *mf*

lief, Some fel-low-feel-ing beau-ti-ful, if brief.

ff *rit.* *mf*

35 **A little slower, reflective** *freely*

And life re - vives, And life re - vives, and blos - soms once a -

colla voce

39

gain.

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Poem: *Fire-Flowers* by Emily Pauline Johnson

And only where the forest fires have sped,
 Scorching relentlessly the cool north lands,
 A sweet wild flower lifts its purple head,
 And, like some gentle spirit sorrow-fed,
 It hides the scars with almost human hands.
 And only to the heart that knows of grief,
 [Of desolating fire], of human pain,
 There comes some purifying sweet belief,
 Some fellow-feeling beautiful, if brief.
 And life revives, and blossoms once again