

FLAME

Garth Bardsley

A flame

Dispels the dark
Its delicate light repels the shadows
A flame alone

Brings within its flicker
A welcoming warmth
A single flame

That shares its light
Is but strengthened by this splitting in two
And as each flame
Begets another
Its life and light is multiplied
To become unending
Forever burning
A beacon that both beckons and guides

So to light the world

*Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle,
and the life of the candle will not be shortened.
Happiness never decreases by being shared*

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Ben Parry

Very slow and atmospheric ♩ = 42

Soprano *pp* A flame dis-pels the dark

Alto *pp* A flame dis - pels the dark

5 S. its de - li - cate light re - pels the

A. its de - li - cate light re - pels the

8 S. sha - dows

A. sha - dows

T. *pp* A flame a - lone

B. *pp* A flame a - lone

12 T. brings with - in its fli - cker a wel - - com - ing

B. brings with - in its fli - cker a wel - com - ing

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sub. pp sotto voce 1sts gliss. microtonally between each note *sempre pp* A sin-gle flame

S. warmth _____ A sin-gle flame that shares its light

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A. warmth _____ A sin-gle flame that shares its light

sub. pp sotto voce [falsetto] 1sts gliss. microtonally between each note *sempre pp* A sin-gle flame

T. warmth _____ A sin-gle flame that shares its light

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B. warmth _____ A sin-gle flame that shares its light

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p *sempre cresc.* *mp*

S. is but streng - ened by this split - ting in two And as each flame be-gets a -

p *sempre cresc.* *mp*

A. is but streng thened by this split - ting in two as each flame be-gets a -

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