

FULL SCORE

Fire Song
(#5 from **Midnight Sun Songs**)

for youth choir
and piano trio

words and melodies by
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and Krizzia Concepcion

music and arrangement by
Jeffrey Ryan

commissioned by
Northern Arts and Cultural Centre
and the Gryphon Trio

Programme Note:

For the 2014/15 season, the Gryphon Trio partnered with the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre for a far-reaching instalment of the Trio's *Listen Up!* project. Students in six communities throughout Canada's Northwest Territories wrote poetry around the theme of The Elements, then worked with composers Jeffrey Ryan and Carmen Braden to develop melodies for their poetry. These melodies became the source material for ***Midnight Sun Songs***, a collection of six songs for youth choir and piano trio composed and arranged by Jeffrey Ryan. ***Midnight Sun Songs*** received its world premiere in May 2015 at Yellowknife's Northern Arts and Cultural Centre, performed by a 70-voice youth choir comprised of students from the six participating communities, accompanied by the Gryphon Trio and conducted by Rob Kapilow.

Fire Song is the fifth song of the collection, and explores Fire through both its beauty and its destructive power.

Performance Note:

Fire Song may be performed separately, or in combination with any or all of the other ***Midnight Sun Songs***.

FIRE SONG

Destruction and heat, blazing embers destroy
This is a war of vast flames
And if this is to end in fire, then we shall all burn together

Feel the fire, the rage inside
See the smoke, it comes around you
It is just beginning

I can see it destroy and hear it roar
I feel happy when the flame burns, when the fire flickers

Dancing, burning, full of sound
Fire sparks flying around and around
The smell of burning wood dances in the air
Sparks fly, up, up, up, higher, higher
Ashes fall from the sky like a blizzard on a winter night

Dancing, burning, full of sound
Fire sparks flying around and around
Ashes fall from the sky like a blizzard in the night

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Senza misura, freely, a dramatic plainchant (♩ = ca. 90)

(Madison Loutit/Hay River)

mf De - struc - tion and heat, _____ *mf* blaz - ing em - bers de - stroy. _____

Vn *mf*

Vc *mf*

ff

3 *mf* This is a war of vast _____ flames, and if this is to end in fire,

Vn *mf*

Vc *mf*

ff

5 *mf* then we shall all burn to - ge - ther. **A** *A tempo, ♩ = 120 Energetically*

Vn *mf*

Vc *mf*

ff *mf*

(Krish Sharma/Inuvik)

mf

8

Feel _____ the

Vn

Vc

8

f *mf*

(*mf*)



12

fire. _____ The rage _____ in -

Vn

Vc

12



B

16

side. _____ See the smoke, _____ the

Vn

Vc

16

f *mf*

20

smoke. _____ It comes _____ a -

Vn

Vc

24

round you. _____ It is just _____

Vn

Vc

C *mp*

p *cresc. poco a poco*

p *cresc. poco a poco*

24

28

be -

Vn

Vc

28

(Gabrielle Kirby/Hay River)

32 **D** *mf* *mf*
 gin - ning. I can see it de -

Vn *mf* *mf*
 Vc *mf*

32 *mf* *mp*

37 **E**
 stroy, and hear it roar. I feel hap-py when the

Vn
 Vc *mf*

37

42
 flame burns, when the fire flick - ers.

Vn *p* *mf*
 Vc *p* *mf*

42

(Wynter Trudeau/Fort Smith)

46 **F** *mf*

Danc - ing,

Vn *mf*

Vc *mf* pizz. ^ ^



51 **G** *mf*

burn - ing, — full of — sound..

Vn *mf*

Vc

51



56 *mf*

Fi - re — sparks — fly-ing a - round and a - round.

Vn

Vc

56

H

61

f

The smell of burn-ing wood dan - ces in the air.

Vn

Vc

arco *mf* *f*

mf *f*

J

66

mp

Sparks fly, — up, up, up, high-er, —

Vn

Vc

mp *mp*

66

mp sub.

K

71

mp

high-er. — Ash - es — fall — from the — sky —

Vn

Vc

mf *mp* *mf* *mp*

71

mf *mp*

77 *mp*
 like a bliz - zard on a win - ter_ night, a win - ter_ night, a win - ter_ night, a

Vn *p* *cresc. poco a poco*
 Vc *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

77 *p* *cresc. poco a poco*
 8^{vb}



(Krizzia Concepcion/Wynter Trudeau/Fort Smith)

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82 *mf* *foot stomp*
 win - ter_ night. Danc - in', burn - in', full of_ sound.

Vn *f*
 Vc *f*

82 *f*



87
 Fi - re sparks, fi - re sparks, fly - in' round and_ round.

Vn
 Vc

87 *mf*

93 **M** *mp* *mf*

Ash - es _ fall from the _ sky,

Vn *mf*

Vc *mp* *mf*

97 **N** *f* *f*

like a _ bliz-zard in the night, in the night,

Vn *ff* *f*

Vc *ff* *f*

102 *div., a few voices on top*

in the night.

Vn

Vc

102