

## MIRA CLAR TENEBRAS

*Mira Clar Tenebras* is a nocturne: a collection of songs of darkness and dawn, sleep and dream. For the sleeper there are dreams of spring and summer; there is little reassurance for the one who lies awake, trapped in thoughts. Nevertheless, every dawn is a renewal: *mira clar tenebras* – wonder at light out of darkness.

It is written for mezzo-soprano with harp, viola and cor anglais doubling oboe d'amore. The songs and instrumental movements follow one another without a break to make a complete piece of about 15 minutes. The texts are all European: unfamiliar languages, but familiar words, sounds and images.

*Mira Clar Tenebras* was written for Okeanos, who gave the première in July 2002.  
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