

The Moth Ghost (2020) - 10 minutes EP 73532
Soprano and Piano

Programme note

The Moth-Ghost

The Moth-Ghost is a dramatic scena for soprano and piano, setting a poem by James Harpur, especially written for this commission. Thetis, a sea-goddess of Greek mythology, knew that her son Achilles must die, however she might try to protect him. In the poem, she is a grief-stricken mother, mourning his death in the Trojan war. He has died young, where she, an immortal, will live forever, haunted by her memories. The imagery of the poem and the music is of the sea: the sonority of its turbulence, the rhythm of its tides. *The Moth-Ghost* was written for Gabriella di Laccio, who commissioned it with funds provided by the PRSF. The scena lasts about ten minutes.