EVENING
Sara Teasdale

for mixed choir (S solo, SSAATTBB)
Con sensibilità

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round, for miles a-round, for miles a-round.

round, for miles a-round, for miles a-round.

joy for miles a-round, a-round, miles a-round, a-round.

joy for miles a-round, for miles a-round.

blue and sweet, the few first stars are white, oh, let me like the Evening,

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For me, harmony is most important – how it flows and becomes a new harmony. The melodic line is secondary. Perhaps this is because my ear is trained primarily to perceive harmonies. Nevertheless I don’t want to write simple music . . . it is important for me to create sounds that I truly feel. I conclude that I am constantly changing, searching for new paths, but absolutely not, once having found them, mass-producing them.

Ēriks Ešenvalds

Born in 1977 in Priekule, Latvia, Ēriks Ešenvalds studied composition with Selga Mence at the Latvian Academy of Music. He has continued his studies with Michael Finnissy, Trevor Wishart, Richard Ayres and Jonathan Harvey, amongst others. For 2011–2013, he holds the position of Fellow Commoner in Creative Arts at Trinity College, University of Cambridge.