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twin composition: *a dark place*. duo (var.)

For Jukka-Pekka Kervinen.

By a departing light  
We see acuter, quite,  
Than by a wick that stays.  
There's something in the flight  
That clarifies the sight  
And decks the rays

(Emily Dickinson)

*fading light.*

*stay with me.*

*I am here.*

I:

finding a calm and peaceful pulsation.

legato (any breathing phrases).

any octaves for the first line – maintaining this octave during the piece.

II:

accompanying the other player restrainedly.

affirming, comforting, shielding the other player by infrequent single sounds or (seldom) quiet intervals from the melody.

becoming ever quieter and calmer.

falling into silence.

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