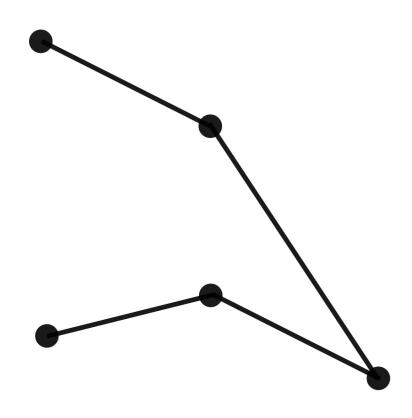
## Anya Gowan

## Sonata Celestia

for guitar



This piece was inspired by a photograph of the Eagle Nebula taken by the Hubble telescope. It features three massive spires of gas and dust called *The Pillars of Creation*. The photograph was taken on April 1st, 1995 by Jeff Hester and Paul Scowen of Arizona State University.

Each movement is based on one colour from the photograph.

The first movement is yellow. It portrays the pillars, which span several light years and whose gravity causes stars to form nearby. The second movement is blue. It portrays the mist surrounding the pillars. The third movement is green. It portrays the sky and stars in the background. The fourth movement is red. It portrays the formation of a star.





