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Dedicated to Amalia
Commissioned by the Royal Academy of Music as part of the Academy 200 series to celebrate their Bicentenary
First Performance 14 June 2021 at the Royal Academy of Music Violin: Amalia Young

## **Programme Note**

Two, Alone was commissioned in 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. As many musicians suddenly found themselves without work, it was a joy and a relief to know that the Royal Academy of Music, my *alma mater* was commissioning a series of 200 solo pieces from previous students to build a contemporary library of solo works.

Two, Alone is a nod to the creation of the piece, composer and violinist working alone in different parts of the country, corresponding online. It also alludes to a feeling during lockdown life of individual co-habitation, living with my partner in distinct but colliding orbits, a sense of confinement and energy which is echoed in the initial five-note idea that never quite fits into the time signature, out of phase except for sporadic moments of release; an inherent tension driving the piece toward its climax and eventual resolution; a sense of calm and peace prevailing.

I'm extremely grateful for the energy and spirit of Amalia Young, who gave the first performance and to whom the piece is dedicated.

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Duration: approx. 5'30"











