

Ember for string quartet (2017)
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An ember is a glowing, hot coal that remains after a fire. While an ember is part of the process for a fire to cool off and die, it has the energy to spread the fire to other places.

With the title, I try to capture the inherent energy in the piece and how it progresses. The individual voices are at the beginning of the piece independent with their unique gestures. They create a web that is heated and generate sparks and flames. Slowly the music cools of, and the piece ends with a music that is made up of sparse hollow timbres.