

For Eric Abis

TUBA ROSE (POLKA)

FOR TUBA AND PIANO

Walter S. Hartley

Allegro molto ($\text{♩} = 132-8$)

Tuba

Piano

8va

8va BASSA

ff

f

①

p

mf

mp

mp

(p sempre)

Hartley comments on **Tuba Rose**. "As in the **Southern Tier Suite** for band, I have made use here of conscious anachronism; this piece is a 'take-off' on popular tuba solos of another day, such as **Down in the Deep Cellar**, a performance of which (at Fredonia) intrigued me into writing **Tuba Rose** and dedicating it to the same young tubist, who then premiered it with me on February 17, 1977. The title might be either a parody of the flower 'tuberose' (which may be pronounced the same way) or the name of an imaginary personage, a lady tuba player or a tuba player's lady friend."