



ROSE TREMAIN

Music & Silence

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In the freezing cellars of the palace, musicians play unseen for the haunted, cash-strapped Christian IV of Denmark. Meanwhile, his beautiful but petulant consort Kirsten plays out wild fantasies with her lover.

In a stately home in Ireland, Francesca, Countess O'Fingal mourns her husband's insane pursuit of a tune heard in a dream. She calls for the lutenist Peter Claire to help cure him. But Claire leaves to join Christian's chamber orchestra, where he falls in love with Kirsten's only friend – and one she will not relinquish. Trust and betrayal, light and dark, death and desires – *Music & Silence* entwines its themes and characters in a sparkling, mesmerising novel.

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