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KUULA • MADETOJA: Finnish Songs

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Among the most important Finnish Romantic composers of their time, Toivo Kuula and Leevi Madetoja were both pupils of Jean Sibelius. Toivo Kuula's songs, which draw on the folk-music of his native Ostrobothnia, generally follow the German lied tradition, with piano accompaniment that is often reminiscent of Brahms. The songs of Leevi Madetoja are more complex and ambiguous, with a refined sensibility characteristic of the French composers he met during studies in Paris in 1910. *Autumn*, Madetoja's last significant song cycle, sets poetry written by the composer's wife, and is often intense and chromatic.

Toivo KUULA (1883-1918) Leevi MADETOJA (1887-1947)

Finnish Songs

Toivo Kuula:		Leevi Madetoja:	
1	Syystunnelma (Autumn Mood)	3:28	Syksy-sarja (1930) (Autumn Song Cycle)
2	Tuijotin tulehen kauan (Long I stared into the Fire)	5:08	(L. Onerva) Op. 68
3	Aamulaulu (Morning Song)	1:45	17 Syksy (Autumn)
4	Kesäyö kirkkomaalla (Summer Night in the Churchyard)	3:21	18 Lähtö (The Departure)
5	Epilögi (Epilogue)	3:00	19 Luulit, ma katselin sua (You thought I was watching you)
6	Suutelo (The Kiss)	5:48	20 Hyvää yötä (Good Night)
7	Marjatan laulu (Marjatta's Song)	3:37	21 Lintu sininen (Blue Bird)
8	Sinikan laulu (Sinikka's Song)	3:09	22 Ijät hyrskyjä päin (Ever against the breakers)
9	Sinipiika (Blue Maiden)	3:06	2:55
10	Lauantai-ilta (Saturday Evening)	4:46	
11	Jääkukkia (Ice Flowers)	3:34	
12	Vanha syyslauu (Old Autumn Song)	3:58	
13	Yö nummella (Night on the Moor)	3:10	
14	Tule armaani (Come, My Sweetheart)	3:13	
15	Imandran laulu (Imandra's Song)	2:21	
16	Purjein kuutamolla (Sailing in the Moonlight)	2:39	

Kirsi Tiihonen, Soprano • Satu Salminen, Piano

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