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ARÁMBARRI: Eight Basque Songs

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The Basque composer and conductor Jesús Arámbarri wrote relatively few works in his lifetime, many of which are included on this disc. Drawing on his own experience as a conductor, he specialised in writing short orchestral pieces that were often inspired by his native folk-music, or written as tributes to musical friends and masters, like his short piece, *Ofrenda*, dedicated to Falla, whose influence can also be discerned in the *Eight Basque Songs*. This cycle, taken from love songs and lullabies, is an excellent example of Arámbarri's mature style.

Jesús  
**ARÁMBARRI**  
(1902-1960)

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| 1 - 3   | <b>Preludio Gabon-zar sorgiñak</b><br>(Witches on New Year's Eve)                                      | 5:36  |
| 4 - 7   | <b>Cuatro impromptus para orquesta</b><br>(Four Impromptus for orchestra)                              | 9:23  |
| 8 - 15  | <b>Ocho canciones vascas para soprano y orquesta</b><br>(Eight Basque songs for soprano and orchestra) | 11:35 |
| 16      | <b>In memoriam - Elegía para orquesta</b><br>(In memoriam - Elegy for orchestra)                       | 9:20  |
| 17      | <b>Ofrenda</b><br>(Offering)   | 3:20  |
| 18      | <b>Viento sur (Intermedio)</b><br>(South wind)   | 4:41  |
| 19 - 21 | <b>Fantasia española para orquesta</b><br>(Spanish Fantasy for orchestra)                              | 13:45 |

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