Although Jesús Guridi achieved his greatest successes in the orchestral and operatic fields, he also wrote a significant quantity of piano works. Ranging in style from the grand, operatic gestures in Lamento e Imprecación de Agar (Hagar's Lament and Curse), to the most subtle impressionistic effects of the Ocho apuntes (Eight Sketches) and the complex timbre and dynamics of Vasconia, Guridi's language is nevertheless strongly rooted in the musical forms and rhythms of his Basque homeland.

Jesús GURIDI

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| Ocho apuntes para piano (Eight Sketches for piano) | 15:38 |
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| (Hagar's Lament and Curse) | |
| Vals de Mirentxu (Waltz from Mirentxu) | 3:19 |
| Amanecer (Dawn), from Tres piezas breves | 2:35 |
| Nostalgia, from Tres piezas breves | 3:05 |
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