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VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: Willow-Wood

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This disc features the world première recording of the cantata *Willow-Wood*, a little known yet substantial work by the great British composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams. Scored for baritone, women's choir and orchestra, *Willow-Wood* is a luxuriant setting of part of Dante Gabriel Rossetti's sequence *The House of Life*. Unrecorded since the LP era, the choral cantata *The Sons of Light* is a dazzling depiction of the passing of the sun, with many of the magical harmonic and rhythmical effects for which Vaughan Williams was renowned.

Ralph
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

(1872–1958)

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| 1 | Toward the Unknown Region (Song for Chorus and Orchestra) | 11:39 |
| 2 | Willow-Wood *(Cantata for Baritone and Orchestra) | 13:55 |
| 3 | The Voice out of the Whirlwind
(Motet for Chorus and Orchestra) | 5:15 |
| 4 | Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus (for Strings and Harp)
The Sons of Light (Cantata for Chorus and Orchestra) | 11:38
19:24 |
| 5 | Darkness and Light | 9:07 |
| 6 | The Song of the Zodiac | 6:10 |
| 7 | The Messengers of Speech | 4:06 |

Roderick Williams, Baritone
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra
David Lloyd-Jones

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