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Giuseppe  
**VERDI**  
(1813-1901)

**Il Trovatore**

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Manrico ..... Jussi Björling  
 Leonora ..... Zinka Milanov  
 Count di Luna ..... Leonard Warren  
 Azucena ..... Fedora Barbieri  
 Ferrando ..... Nicola Moscova  
 Inez ..... Margaret Roggero  
 Ruiz ..... Paul Franke  
 An Old Gypsy ..... George Cehanovsky  
 A Messenger ..... Nathaniel Sprinzena, tenor  
 RCA Victor Orchestra • Renato Cellini

Robert Shaw Chorale (Director: Robert Shaw)

Recorded 21st February through 16th March, 1952 in  
Manhattan Center, New York

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*Il trovatore* was the middle opera of the three masterpieces that consolidated Giuseppe Verdi's fame. It has been lucky on record: two excellent versions circulated on 78rpm discs and the early LP era brought the present recording, the most consistently cast of all. It introduced a whole generation to the opera and in many collectors' affections it still reigns supreme. Much of its success must be put down to the conductor Renato Cellini who draws beautiful playing from the orchestra. Cellini was also renowned in the profession as a coach and it is surely due to his careful preparation that a cast consisting of a Croatian, an Italian, a Swede, an American and a Greek sounds so convincing.

CD 1	62:07	CD 2	72:34
[1-9] Act I	9:47	[1]-[7] Act III	19:29
[10-22] Act II	36:16	[8]-[17] Act IV	34:57
		[18-23] Appendix: Zinka Milanov	18:09
		‘Song Gems of Yugoslavia’ (1944)	

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