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Jussi Björling (1911-1960)

Songs in Swedish
(1929-1937)Playing
Time
70:20

- 1 **E. DE CURTIS:** Gondolsång (Torna a Surriento)
- 2 **GEEHL:** För dig allén (For You Alone)
- 3 **SCHRADER:** Sommarnatt (I de lyse nætter) (Summer Night)
- 4 **LEONCAVALLO:** Mattinata
- 5 **TOSELLI:** Serenata
- 6 **ARTHUR:** I dag (Today)
- 7 **ELGAR:** Violer (Salut d'amour)
- 8 **TRADITIONAL:** Tantis serenad
- 9 **G. DE CURTIS:** Carmela
- 10 **BALL:** Bliv min, så är världen min
(Love Me and the World is Mine)
- 11 **ASTRÖM:** I lyckans tempelgård (In the Sanctuary of Happiness)
- 12 **TÖRNQUIST:** O milda sång (O Sweet Song)
- 13 **TRADITIONAL:** Varför älskar jag (Why Do I Love?)
- 14 **BICKVOR:** Min sommarmelodi (My Summer Tune)
- 15 **TRADITIONAL:** Svarta ögon (Ochi chernye) (Dark Eyes)
- 16 **BODE:** Min längtan är du (You Are My Yearning)
- 17 **HANDBERG-JØRGENSEN:** Klownens tango (The Clown's Tango)
- 18 **JURMANN / KAPER:** Ninon
- 19 **GYLDMARK:** Gitarren klingar (Guitar Sounds)
- 20 **PEREZ-FREIRE:** Ay, ay, ay
- 21 **CARUSO:** Ungdomsdrömmar (Dreams of Long Ago)

Jussi Björling was born in 1911 in Sweden's province of Dalarna. His father, a tenor, taught his three oldest sons, including Jussi, to sing, and together they formed the 'Bjöerling Male Quartet' and toured extensively in Sweden and the United States. In 1928 Jussi Björling left the band and entered the Stockholm Conservatory. At the age of eighteen, he made his first record, a Neapolitan song *Gondolsång*, as a tenor. His early tenor recordings display his solid technique, charming youthful timbre, as well as astonishing interpretative maturity. Björling is here supported by Nils Grevillius, who also conducted many of Björling's opera recordings. The two bonus tracks included were probably made in New York in 1920 during the Bjöerling Male Quartet's U.S. tour when Jussi was not yet ten years old.

BONUS TRACKS With brothers Olle and Gösta as Juvenile Trio

- 22 **TRADITIONAL:** Somnarglädje (Summer Joy)
- 23 **DRESSER:** Barndomshemmet (On the Banks of the Wabash)

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A complete track list can be found in the booklet
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