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As a genre in the broadest populist sense, the Italian *canzone* boasts a healthy tradition extending back at least two centuries. The selections on this release are all established favourites, survivors of bygone eras, having been variously recorded since the advent of the gramophone by famous singers, and more often than not, by tenors. They include Tosti's *Last Song*, De Curtis' *Come back to Sorrento*, the hauntingly beautiful *Santa Lucia* and *'O sole mio*, perhaps the most enduring of all Italian popular songs. The performances are classics of the gramophone by some of the greatest tenor singers of the 20th century.

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| ① Francesco Paolo TOSTI:
'A vucchella ¹ | 2:43 | ⑬ Ernesto TAGLIAFERRI:
Mandulinata a Napoli ⁸ | 2:55 |
| ② Francesco Paolo TOSTI:
L'alba sèpara dalla luce l'ombra ² | 2:26 | ⑭ Francesco Paolo TOSTI: Marechiarè ⁵ | 3:33 |
| ③ Michele ESPOSITO: Anema e core ³ | 3:49 | ⑮ Ruggiero LEONCAVALLO:
Mattinata ⁹ | 2:05 |
| ④ Alois MELICHAR: Anima mia ⁴ | 3:21 | ⑯ Stanislao GASTALDON:
Musica proibita ¹⁰ | 3:43 |
| ⑤ Ernesto DE CURTIS: Carmela ⁴ | 3:06 | ⑰ Eduardo DI CAPUA: 'O sole mio ² | 3:18 |
| ⑥ Ernesto DE CURTIS:
Canta pe' me! ⁴ | 3:24 | ⑱ Luigi DENZA: Occhi di fata ⁴ | 3:00 |
| ⑦ Richard BARTHÉLEMY:
Chi se nne scorda 'cchiù ¹ | 2:47 | ⑲ Teodoro COTTRAU: Santa Lucia ⁸ | 3:24 |
| ⑧ Salvatore CARDILLO:
Core 'ngrato ⁵ | 3:42 | ⑳ Francesco Paolo TOSTI: La Serenata ⁴ | 3:34 |
| ⑨ Gioachino ROSSINI: La Danza ⁶ | 2:51 | ㉑ Nicola VALENTE: Torna ¹ | 3:36 |
| ⑩ Luigi DENZA: Funiculù, funiculà ⁷ | 2:37 | ㉒ Ernesto DE CURTIS:
Torna a Surriento ¹ | 3:04 |
| ⑪ Francesco Paolo TOSTI: Ideale ² | 3:25 | ㉓ Francesco Paolo TOSTI:
L'ultima canzone ⁴ | 4:31 |
| ⑫ Emanuele NUTILE:
Mamma mia che vo' sapé? ⁴ | 3:47 | ㉔ TRADITIONAL, arr. VERGINE:
Vieni sul mar ¹ | 3:34 |

Tito Schipa ¹ • Jussi Björling ² • Ferruccio Tagliavini ³ • Beniamino Gigli ⁴ • Giuseppe Di Stefano ⁵
Jan Kiepura ⁶ • Alessandro Ziliani ⁷ • Joseph Schmidt ⁸ • Aureliano Pertile ⁹ • Mario Del Monaco ¹⁰

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