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Jussi Björling (1911-1960)

Opera Arias and Duets (1945-51)

**Playing
Time**
73:37

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**MADE IN
CANADA**


- 1 GOUNOD: Roméo et Juliette:** Ah! lève-toi, soleil
- 2 MASSENET: Manon:** Je suis seul!... Ah! fuyez, douce image
- 3 DONIZETTI: L'elisir d'amore:** Una furtiva lagrima
- 4 CILEA: L'arlesiana:** È la solita storia
- 5 PUCCINI: Manon Lescaut:** Donna non vidi mai
- 6 MASCAGNI: Cavalleria rusticana:** O Lola
- 7 GODARD: Jocelyn:** Berceuse
- 8 BIZET Carmen:** La fleur que tu m'avais jetée
- 9 MASCAGNI: Cavalleria rusticana:** Mamma!...
Quel vino è generoso
- 10 VERDI Don Carlo:** Io l'ho perduta... Qual pallor...
Dio, che nell'alma infondere * †
- 11 VERDI: Otello:** O mostruosa colpa... Sì, pel ciel marmoreo giuro *
- 12 PUCCINI Bohème:** In un coupè... O Mimì, tu più non torni *
- 13 VERDI: La forza del destino:** Solenne in quest'ora *
- 14 BIZET Les pêcheurs de perles:** Au fond du temple saint *
- 15 PUCCINI: La bohème:** Che gelida manina
- 16 VERDI Aida:** Se quel guerrier io fossi... Celeste Aida
- 17 PONCHIELLI La Gioconda:** Cielo e mar!

* with Robert Merrill, Baritone

† with Emil Markow, Bass and RCA Victor Chorus

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