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Rosa Ponselle (1897-1981)

American Recordings 1923-1929, Vol. 2

 Playing
Time
78:23

- 1 TOSTI: Good-bye *
 - 2 TOSTI: Good-bye
 - 3 MONRO-HIGGINS: My lovely Celia
 - 4 DE CURTIS: Carmè
 - 5 DI CAPUA: Maria, Mari!
 - 6 TOSTI: Serenade
 - 7 TOSTI: Serenade *
 - 8 PONCHIELLI: La Gioconda: Suicidio!
 - 9 PONCHIELLI: La Gioconda: Suicidio! *
 - 10 MEYERBEER: L'Africana [L'Africaine]:
In grembo a me [Sur mes genoux]
 - 11 MEYERBEER: L'Africana [L'Africaine]:
In grembo a me [Sur mes genoux] *
 - 12 HEWETT: The Little Old Garden
 - 13 BLAND: Carry Me Back to Old Virginny
 - 14 FOSTER: My Old Kentucky Home
 - 15 BISHOP: Home, Sweet Home
 - 16 BLAND: A Perfect Day
 - 17 FOSTER: Old Folks at Home
 - 18 FOSTER: Old Folks at Home
 - 19 DUPONT: La Rosita
 - 20 NEVIN: The Rosary
 - 21 DI CHIARA: La Spagnola
 - 22 SILBERTA: Beloved
- * alternative takes previously unpublished on 78rpm

Described by Maria Callas as 'the greatest singer of us all', the American-born Rosa Ponselle (1897-1981) is acknowledged as one of the outstanding dramatic sopranos of the twentieth century. Without any previous experience of the operatic stage, she made her Metropolitan debut in Verdi's *La forza del destino* opposite Caruso in 1918. Following her enormous success, she became the Metropolitan's leading soprano, appearing in twenty-one rôles throughout her career. This second disc of Ponselle's 1923-1929 American recordings features two of her loveliest performances, *In grembo a me* from *L'Africaine* and *Suicidio!* from *La Gioconda*, as well as three of her first electrical recordings, *The Little Old Garden*, *Carry Me Back to Old Virginny* and *My Old Kentucky Home*, made on the 1st and 2nd June, 1925.

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