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Johann
STRAUSS II
(1825–1899)Playing
Time
78:51Eine Nacht in Venedig
(A Night in Venice)

Guido, Duke of Urbino	Nicolai Gedda
Caramello	Erich Kunz
Delacqua	Karl Dönoch
Pappacoda	Peter Klein
Annina	Elisabeth Schwarzkopf
Ciboletta	Emmy Loose
Agricola	Hanna Ludwig
Barbara	Hanna Ludwig

Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus
Otto Ackermann

Recorded 25th – 28th and 31st May and 25th September, 1954
in Kingsway Hall, London

Johann Strauss II's *Eine Nacht in Venedig*, heard on this recording in a version prepared by Ernst Marischka and Erich Korngold for a 1923 Berlin revival, is modelled, like so many of his stage works, on Offenbach's French operettas. When this recording appeared in 1955, *The Gramophone* critic wrote: "A Night in Venice (1883), with the canals running with schmaltz and many a German joke about macaroni and *La donna* being mobile, may put off the ultra austere, but I think you would have to be pretty stiff not to surrender... This set speaks for itself. Outside the world of the gramophone you would never expect to encounter an operetta with a cast like this one". Otto Ackermann was an outstanding operetta conductor, capturing to perfection the elusive Viennese lilt and phrasing.

1	Overture	6:32	21-33	Act II	24:28
2-20	Act I	35:42	34-40	Act III	12:09

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