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Giacomo  
**PUCCINI**  
(1858-1924)  
**Il tabarro**  
Opera in One Act

Michele	.....	Tito Gobbi
Giorgetta	.....	Margaret Mas
Luigi	.....	Giacinto Prandelli
La Frugola	.....	Miriam Pirazzini
Il Tinca	.....	Piero De Palma
Il Talpa	.....	Plinio Clabassi

Rome Opera House Chorus and Orchestra

Vincenzo Bellezza

Recorded October, 1955 in the Teatro dell'Opera, Rome

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**ADD** **MONO**

Playing Time  
73:25

1-13 Il tabarro

51:57

Appendix: Tito Gobbi	21:28
Opera Arias	
PUCCINI: La fanciulla del West	
<i>Minnie, dalla mia casa son partito</i>	
MOZART: Don Giovanni	
<i>Deh, vieni alla finestra</i>	
MOZART: Le nozze di Figaro	
<i>Non più andrai</i>	
ROSSINI: Il barbiere di Siviglia	
<i>Largo al factotum</i>	
VERDI: La forza del destino	
<i>Urna fatale del mio destino</i>	
VERDI: Otello	
<i>Vanne! ... Credo in un Dio crudele</i>	

In this legendary recording of *Il tabarro* (The Cloak), the first of the three one-act operas which make up Puccini's *Il trittico*, the part of Michele is sung by Tito Gobbi, the foremost Italian baritone of the post-war years and greatly admired by international audiences for the deep psychological insight which, as a fine actor as well as singer, he brought to his interpretations. Singing opposite Gobbi, whose performance has been described by an eminent critic as 'by far the most individual and compelling on record', are the distinguished Italian tenor Giacinto Prandelli and the French soprano Margaret Mas, in her only major operatic rôle on record, as Michele's wife. The cast is conducted by the veteran Italian *maestro* Vincenzo Bellezza, a stalwart of opera houses in Rome, London and New York.

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