

The attractiveness of Edvard Grieg's works for solo piano is strongly linked to its distinctive Norwegian character, absorbing the national instinct for compact melodic themes and combining this with the composer's unique feel for harmony. The resulting works conjure entire worlds that range from the melancholy to the exuberant, and the passionately bittersweet to the gently pastoral. This definitive edition, performed by eminent specialist Einar Steen-Nøkleberg, encompasses the full range of Grieg's works for solo piano, from the beloved *Lyric Pieces* to the epic *Ballade*, via inspired arrangements of familiar melodies to rarely-heard student compositions and sketches. 'It's almost impossible to imagine this music better interpreted.' (*BBC Music Magazine*)

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