

Originally released as part of The English Song Series on the Collins Classics label, this recording explores the vocal works of one of the pioneers of English Song. Arthur Somervell was the first composer to set Housman's *The Shropshire Lad*. His setting of William Blake's *Songs of Innocence* shows his ease at composing for children, while his familiarity today rests on his setting of Tennyson's *Maud*. The ingenuity of Somervell's piano writing combined with his remarkably memorable vocal lines has ensured that his music retains a consistent freshness.

Arthur SOMERVELL (1863-1937)

1	O Mistress Mine	1:36
2	Orpheus with his lute	2:29
3	Sweet Kate	1:56
4-7	Songs of Innocence	4:01
8-10	From the song-cycle Maud	8:56
11-15	James Lee's Wife	15:28
16	The Bargain	1:48
17	Fain would I change that note	3:01
18	Shepherd's cradle song	2:48
19	Come to me in my dreams	2:54
20	Dainty little Maiden	1:30
21	When Spring Returns	2:49
22-31	The Shropshire Lad	22:52

Patricia Rozario, Soprano • Catherine Wyn-Rogers, Mezzo-Soprano
 Christopher Maltman, Baritone • Graham Johnson, Piano
 The Duke Quartet

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