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Benjamin Britten's varied output includes a number of works which set texts by W.H. Auden. Britten and Auden first met in 1935 when they were both working for the GPO Film Unit and they soon formed a highly productive creative partnership. *On This Island* was Britten's first published group of songs with piano. A number of other Auden settings from this period, including the light-hearted *Cabaret Songs*, were published after Britten's death. Lennox Berkeley came into contact with Auden's poetry via Britten whom he had met in the 1930s. His settings, including the *Five Poems op.53*, reveal him to be as sensitive and imaginative as Britten in his response to Auden's verse.

Settings of Poems by W.H. Auden

Lennox
BERKELEY
(1903-1989)

1-5	Five Poems, Op. 53	9:49
6	Night covers up the rigid land, Op. 14 No. 2	2:35
7	Lay your sleeping head, my love, Op. 14 No. 2b	5:30

Benjamin
BRITTEN
(1913-1976)

8-12	On This Island, Op. 11	13:20
13	Fish in the unruffled lakes	2:17
14	Night covers up the rigid land	2:03
15	To lie flat on the back	2:23
16	The sun shines down	2:03
17	What's on your mind?	1:50
18	Underneath the abject willow	1:46
19-22	Cabaret Songs	14:44
23	When you're feeling like expressing your affection	0:43
24	Underneath the abject willow	1:54

Della Jones, Mezzo-Soprano • Philip Langridge, Tenor • Steuart Bedford, Piano

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A detailed tracklist can be found in the booklet.

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