

Manuel Blancafort grew up in a Catalan family which owned a pianola rolls factory, a prime source of the composer's musical education. In his early days, Blancafort often turned to song and traditional Catalan tunes, attracted by their miniature structure and popular nature, as can be seen in the 12 *Cançons*. Blancafort believed strongly in the importance of nationalism in music and was keen to follow in the footsteps of Albéniz, Granados and Falla, but always with a Catalan bias. *Peces de joventut* and *Cançons de muntanya* display the composer's fundamentally romantic attitude, while *Notes d'antany* are steeped in an introspective atmosphere.



Manuel
BLANCAFORT
(1897-1987)

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| 1-7 | Peces de joventut (1915-1917)
(Youthful pieces) | 12:20 |
| 8-16 | Cançons de muntanya (1916-1918)
(Mountain songs) | 15:18 |
| 17-24 | Notes d'antany (1915-1919)
(Notes from Years Gone By) | 14:57 |
| 25-37 | 12 Cançons (1916-1919) | 18:53 |

Miquel Villalba, Piano

A complete track list can be found in the booklet.
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