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Rooted in the sound of the Victorian drawing-room ballad, Roger Quilter's songs are elegant, refined, often private, always exquisite and without undue embellishment. Although Quilter did not draw on English folk-song as a musical resource in the way that Vaughan Williams and others did, he was very well aware of the heritage and himself arranged a variety of songs, 'one of the most delicate and dangerous undertakings'. This recording, which includes several world premières, presents the *Complete Folk-Song Arrangements* and *Complete Part-Songs for Women's Voices*.

Roger QUILTER

(1877-1953)

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Amanda Pitt, Soprano • Joanne Thomas, Mezzo-Soprano
Philip Langridge, Tenor • David Wilson-Johnson, Baritone
David Owen Norris, Piano

A complete track and artist list can be found in the booklet.

Recorded at the Turner Sims Concert Hall, University of Southampton,
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David Owen Norris plays a Bösendorfer piano.

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