



AMERICAN CLASSICS

Dublin-born Victor Herbert emigrated to America in 1896. He earned world renown as a composer of operettas for which he produced a wealth of memorable melodies that to this day have never lost their charm. Works such as *The Fortune Teller*, *Babes in Toyland*, *Mlle Modiste*, *The Red Mill* and *Naughty Marietta* firmly place Herbert as a giant figure in American popular music.

Herbert also produced a considerable amount of concert music – concertos, symphonic poems, suites, overtures and one of the earliest film scores. His orchestral miniatures have become standards in the semi-classical repertory and his greatest songs, writes Deems Taylor, are classics “as pure in outline as the melodies of Schubert and Mozart!”

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# VICTOR HERBERT

(1859–1924)

## Beloved Songs and Classic Miniatures

Virginia Croskery, Soprano\*

Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra (Bratislava) • Keith Brion

- 1 **Toyland\*** 4:35
- 2 **Romany Life\*** 3:37
- 3 **Badinage** 5:20
- 4 **Kiss in the Dark\*** 2:35
- 5 **Art is Calling\*** 3:40
- 6 **Pan Americana** 4:05
- 7 **Molly\*** 2:04
- 8 **Al Fresco** 3:35
- 9 **Moonbeams\*** 3:24
- 10 **Italian Street Song\*** 1:55
- 11 **Thine Alone\*** 4:28
- 12 **Cannibal Dance** 1:29
- 13 **Kiss Me Again\*** 2:50
- 14 **When You're Away\*** 4:02
- 15 **Royal Sec** 3:26
- 16 **Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life\*** 2:44

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American flag, folk artist, 1880s

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**54:40**

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