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Howard Hanson, the masterful conductor who championed American music, was also a Pulitzer Prize-winning composer, an accomplished pianist and pedagogue who directed the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York for forty years. Today, Hanson is best known for his *Second Symphony* ("Romantic"), but it was piano music which launched his career. The music on this disc, meticulously researched and reconstructed, mostly from manuscripts, provides recorded premières of the youthful *Slumber Song*, a set of *Études*, three erotic "*Poèmes*", an ambitious single movement *Sonata*, and *For the First Time*, an orchestral suite that, in Hanson's own arrangement, was his last work for the solo piano.

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HOWARD HANSON
(1896-1981)
Piano Music
Thomas Labé

- 1 - 2 Two Yuletide Pieces, Op. 19 (1919) 4:52
- 3 - 5 Poèmes érotiques, Op. 9 * (1917-18) 10:43
- 6 - 8 Sonata in A Minor, Op. 11 * (1918) 16:52
completed by Thomas Labé
- 9 - 11 Three Miniatures, Op. 12 (1918-19) 7:25
- 12 - 14 Three Etudes, Op. 18 * (1920) 12:49
- 15 Enchantment (1935) 1:14
- 16 - 27 For the First Time * (1970) 19:17
- 28 Slumber Song * 3:01

* denotes world première recording

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American flag, folk artist, 1880s.

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