



AMERICAN CLASSICS

Charles Ives, a New Englander, was taught first by his father, then at Yale by the German-trained Horatio Parker. Ives was unique for his time as an American composer who wrote works in the "classical-music" tradition but also drew on American popular and traditional music idioms. A life-insurance executive professionally, he created an extraordinary body of compositions only later recognized as a treasurable legacy. Among Ives's chamber works are multi-movement "sets" for small ensembles, string quartets, piano sonatas, and other pieces. He also completed (ca. 1902-1916) these four sonatas for violin and piano—conventional in external structure (each in three contrasting movements) but unconventional in being musically rooted in Protestant American hymnody.

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Charles
IVES
(1874-1954)

Violin Sonatas Nos. 1 - 4

First Sonata for Violin and Piano**22:44**

- ① Andante - Allegro vivace 7:02
- ② Largo cantabile 6:43
- ③ Allegro 8:59

Second Sonata for Violin and Piano**14:15**

- ④ Autumn 5:30
- ⑤ In the Barn 4:36
- ⑥ The Revival 4:09

Third Sonata for Violin and Piano**30:06**

- ⑦ Verse 1 (Adagio) • Verse 2 (Andante) 14:52
- Verse 3 (Allegretto) • Refrain (Adagio) 4:49
- ⑧ Allegro 10:25
- ⑨ Adagio

Fourth Sonata for Violin and Piano**9:42****"Children's Day at the Camp Meeting"**

- ⑩ Allegro 2:19
- ⑪ Largo 5:38
- ⑫ Allegro 1:45

Curt Thompson, Violin • Rodney Waters, Piano

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