

Mieczysław Karłowicz's six symphonic poems, composed between 1904-09, are the pinnacles of a career tragically ended when he perished in an avalanche during a solitary mountain hike. His fame as one of the outstanding Polish composers of his generation rests on these highly original, lushly-scored masterpieces, the first, second and fifth of which are included on this second volume. Bitterly criticised by contemporary Polish critics as examples of 'modernist chaos', these splendid Neo-Romantic works show both Karłowicz's intense admiration for Wagner, Tchaikovsky and Richard Strauss, and the scale of his own achievement. Volume 1 is available on Naxos 8.570452.

Mieczysław  
**KARŁOWICZ**  
(1876-1909)

Symphonic Poems • 2

1	Powracające fale (Returning Waves), Op. 9	24:12
2	Smutna opowieść (Preludia do wieczności) (A Sorrowful Tale (Preludes to Eternity)), Op. 13	11:00
	Odwieczne pieśni (Eternal Songs), Op. 10	28:01
3	I. Pieśń o wiekuistej tęsknocie (Song of Everlasting Yearning)	10:51
4	II. Pieśń o miłości i o śmierci (Song of Love and Death)	11:37
5	III. Pieśń o wszechbycie (Song of Eternal Being)	5:33

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra • Antoni Wit

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