

This final volume of the Naxos cycle of the complete Stanford Symphonies features the substantial *First Symphony*, whose first movement, with its spacious introduction and exposition repeat, is a remarkably broad structure and, at something a little over 18 minutes, must surely be the longest instrumental movement ever written by a British composer until the opening movement of Elgar's *First Symphony* some thirty years later. The use of stopped horns is most unusual for a symphony written in the late 1870s. Stanford's tuneful late romantic *Clarinet Concerto* has become the most frequently heard and recorded of the composer's orchestral works.

**Sir Charles Villiers
STANFORD
(1852-1924)**
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Symphony No. 1 in B flat major	48:36
① I Larghetto – Allegro vivace	18:17
② II Scherzo – In Ländler Tempo	8:53
③ III Andante tranquillo	10:08
④ IV Allegro molto	11:18
 Clarinet Concerto Op. 80	 22:03
⑤ I Allegro moderato	5:48
⑥ II Andante con moto	10:02
⑦ III Allegro moderato	6:13

Robert Plane, Clarinet
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (Leader: Duncan Riddell)
David Lloyd-Jones

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