

Orthodox in its four-movement structure but, according to the composer, 'very unorthodox inside', Havergal Brian's *Symphony No. 2* was originally inspired by Goethe's play *Gotz von Berlichingen*. In 1972, however, following the death of his beloved daughter, Brian dedicated his forty-year old *Symphony* to her memory. Scored for a big orchestra which calls, among other requirements, for sixteen horns, three sets of timpani, two pianos and organ, the *Symphony* includes a furious ostinato-scherzo, and a tragic funeral march entirely conceived in Brian's own terms, yet unafraid to evoke echoes of Siegfried's *Funeral March* from *Götterdämmerung*.

Havergal
BRIAN
(1876-1972)

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| 1 | Festival Fanfare (1967) | 1:44 |
| | Symphony No. 2 in E minor (1930-31) | 53:28 |
| 2-5 | I. Adagio solenne – Allegro assai – Più lento e semplice | 12:45 |
| 6-10 | II. Andante sostenuto e molto espressivo | 15:18 |
| 11-12 | III. Allegro assai | 5:57 |
| 13-16 | IV. Lento maestoso e mesto | 19:28 |

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