

Arthur Benjamin and Edgar Bainton were linked by a genuine love for humanity, curiosity about wider cultures and a willingness to travel in the cause of their calling as musicians. Both were also caught up in the traumas of World War I. Benjamin is best known for his *Jamaican Rumba*. His vocal music is imbued with a sense of refinement and impeccable craftsmanship, as well as the rhythmic vitality and colour expected from a virtuoso pianist. Bainton's hallmarks also include sensitive and harmonically imaginative piano writing, his devotion to poetry resulting in settings with an outstanding artistic instinct for beauty.

Arthur
BENJAMIN
 (1893–1960)

19 songs, including:
 The Piper
 Diaphenia
 Wind's Work
 Shepherd's Holiday
 Linstead Market

Edgar
BAINTON
 (1880–1956)

23 songs, including:
 Slow, Slow, Fresh Fount
 Shooting Star
 Young Love Lies Dreaming
 A Casualty
 The Twilight People

WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

Susan Bickley, Mezzo-soprano 1 3 9–11 14–16 24–26 30–36 41 42

Christopher Gillett, Tenor 2 4–8 12 13 17–23 27–29 37–40

Wendy Hiscocks, Piano



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