

Grace Williams' lifelong interest in vocal writing no doubt owed something to her upbringing in Wales. The original works heard here in their premiere recordings span the entirety of her career, ranging from her earliest surviving composition in any genre to 1967's *Fear no more the heat o' the sun*. Williams' folk song arrangements were often commissions for BBC children's programmes, and while her craftsmanship is evident irrespective of the song's country of origin, her stylistic fingerprints are most firmly placed on her understated setting of the beautiful Welsh love song, *Cariad Cyntaf*.

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# Grace WILLIAMS

(1906–1977)

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1 Slow, slow, fresh fount	2:07	12 Le Chevalier du guet	2:55
2 I had a little nut tree	1:01	13–16 Four Folk Songs	8:49
3 Green Rain	3:57	17 When thou dost dance	1:49
4 Stand forth, Seithenin	3:04	18–20 Three Yugoslav Folk Songs	4:39
5 Ffarwel i Langyfelach	1:56	21 Y Deryn Pur	2:03
6 Llangynwyd	1:11	22 Y Fwyalchen	2:54
7 The Song of Mary	3:44	23 Cariad Cyntaf	3:14
8 Shepherds watched their flocks by night	1:35	24 Ow, Ow, Tlysau	5:50
9 Fairground	5:51	25 Dwfn yw'r môr	3:52
10 Flight	4:37	26 Lights Out	5:37
11 À Lauterbach	2:35	27 Fear no more the heat o' the sun	4:22

## WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

**Jeremy Huw Williams, Baritone • Wendy Hiscocks, Piano**

A detailed track list and publishers' details can be found inside the booklet • The sung texts and translations are included in the booklet, and may also be accessed at [www.naxos.com/libretti/571384.htm](http://www.naxos.com/libretti/571384.htm)

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