

Songs with piano formed a fair proportion of Bohuslav Martinů's output until 1930, and this collection focuses largely on those written during 1910-1912. With the notable exception of the Gothic gloom of Poe's *The Sleeper*, Czech poets provided the younger Martinů with a wealth of texts on themes of life and love, expressed in songs both lively and luminous. Evocations of nature are also to be found, as well as a diversion into popular genres with the sophisticated 'Red Seven' Cabaret cycle. Volume 1 (8.572588) of this edition has been admired as "beautifully and often movingly sung ... a most rewarding disc". (*Gramophone*)



Bohuslav
MARTINŮ
(1890-1959)
Songs • 2



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| 1 | Keep On Kissing, Love, H.27 | 1:55 | 11 | Pastel, H.8 | 2:41 |
| 2 | Early Of A Morning I Am Out
A-Weeding, H.49 | 1:39 | 12 | Long Ago, H.69 | 1:05 |
| 3 | In The Garden At The Roost, H.77 | 1:56 | | Three Songs for the 'Red Seven'
Cabaret, H.129 | 13:30 |
| | The Months, H.135 | 12:02 | 13 | No.1 Summer Ballad | 6:02 |
| 4 | No.1 January | 2:28 | 14 | No.2 The Bar | 4:43 |
| 5 | No.2 March | 2:43 | 15 | No.3 The Miner's Song | 2:39 |
| 6 | No.3 September | 4:22 | 16 | I Love Old Parks, H.79 | 1:05 |
| 7 | No.4 Thou Who Art In Heaven | 2:20 | 17 | The Sleeper, H.19 | 4:10 |
| 8 | The Fiery Man, H.71 | 3:19 | 18 | The Winter Night, H.26 | 1:59 |
| | Two Songs, H.21 | 9:22 | 19 | Easter Carol, H.230 | 1:12 |
| 9 | No.1 Where Was I? | 6:14 | | | |
| 10 | No.2 Why The Smile Of Your Teeth? | 3:06 | | | |

Sung in Czech • Full track details will be found in the booklet



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