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Franco Ferrara's gifts were prodigious. Born in Palermo he was a fine pianist, an even better violinist, playing under Toscanini, and later a conductor whose public performances were curtailed by illness, but whose private classes were famous. His compositions have been overlooked. The *Fantasia tragica* is a 'symphonic homage' to Shostakovich, modelled on the third movement ('*Eternal Memory*') of the Russian composer's *11th Symphony*. The youthful *Burlesca* attests to his high spirited and superbly realised string writing and shares something of a filmic heritage with *Notte di tempesta*, a late-Romantic score of fulsome accomplishment.

Franco
FERRARA
(1911-1985)

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| 1 | Preludio | 7:54 |
| 2 | Fantasia tragica | 13:55 |
| 3 | Notte di tempesta | 14:47 |
| 4 | Burlesca | 10:05 |

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