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Polish-born virtuoso Karol Józef Lipiński was recognized as one of the best violinists of the 19th century, rivalling Paganini for the title of greatest violinist in Europe. Lipiński dedicated his *Capriccios*, *Op. 10* to Paganini, but ultimately combined Paganini's innovations with the depth of Spohr, Tartini and Viotti's musical philosophies to create his own unique style and avoid bravura display alone. The *Capriccios*, *Op. 27* explore rich expression and tone as well as spectacular runs and double-stopping.

Karol Józef LIPÍŃSKI (1790–1861)

Three Capriccios, Op. 10 31:53

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| 1 | No. 1 in E major: Moderato | 8:11 |
| 2 | No. 2 in F sharp minor: Moderato | 10:21 |
| 3 | No. 3 in E major: Adagio – Allegro con fuoco | 13:18 |

Three Capriccios, Op. 27 41:36

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| 4 | No. 1 in B flat minor: Allegretto ma energico | 12:07 |
| 5 | No. 2 in G sharp minor: Largo – Allegro | 13:58 |
| 6 | No. 3 in G minor: Adagio – Allegro l'istesso tempo | 15:30 |



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