

Frank Sinatra dubbed Robert Farnon 'The Guv'nor' in 1962 when the two men first came together in London to work on an album. This summed up Farnon's reputation as being synonymous with the highest standards of craftsmanship across the widest spectrum of music-making, earning him four Ivor Novello awards and the Order of Canada. His fame was established with BBC wartime radio broadcasts and the ubiquitous *Portrait of a Flirt*. Further success came with TV themes such as the stirring *Colditz March* and the impressionistic beauty of such gems as *À la claire fontaine*. The performances on this acclaimed recording are given with 'warmth, polish and a remarkable naturalness of idiomatic feeling' (*The Penguin Guide*).



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Robert  
**FARNON**  
(1917–2005)

1 <b>Portrait of a Flirt</b> (1947)	2:40	9 <b>Pictures in the Fire</b> (c. 1947)	4:57
2 <b>How Beautiful is Night</b> (c. 1947)	3:16	10 <b>Little Miss Molly</b> (c. 1959)	3:23
3 <b>Melody Fair</b> (c. 1949)	2:46	11 <b>Colditz March</b> (1972)	3:03
4 <b>À la claire fontaine</b> (early 1940s)	7:24	12 <b>A Star is Born</b> (c. 1947)	2:43
5 <b>The Peanut Polka</b> (1951)	3:03	13 <b>The Westminster Waltz</b> (1956)	2:54
6 <b>Three Impressions for Orchestra:</b> <b>No. 2. In a Calm</b> (c. 1947)	2:39	14 <b>Three Impressions for Orchestra:</b> <b>No. 3. Manhattan Playboy</b> (1948)	2:42
7 <b>Gateway to the West</b> (date unknown)	3:09	15 <b>Lake of the Woods</b> (1940s)	10:05
8 <b>Jumping Bean</b> (c. 1947)	2:27	16 <b>Derby Day</b> (date unknown)	2:44
		17 <b>State Occasion</b> (c. 1946)	3:10

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