

Ivor Gurney was a poet as well as a composer and was accomplished in a number of musical genres including song. With his intuitive approach to poetry he selected texts widely, from contemporaries to ballads, Elizabethan and Jacobean poets, and even set his own lyrics. This wide-ranging selection includes his masterpieces – among them *Sleep* and *Severn Meadows* – with several songs heard in their first recording. Marcus Farnsworth, First Prize winner in the 2009 Wigmore Hall International Song Competition, has been praised for his ‘superbly controlled baritone voice’ (*Fanfare*).

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(1890–1937)

1	Down by the salley gardens	2:23	14	The Lawlands of Holland*	2:51
2	The fields are full	1:50	15	Tarantella	3:30
3	Adlestrop*	2:32	16	The Twa Corbies	4:38
4	Hawk and Buckle	1:09	17	Echo's Lament of Narcissus*	3:42
5	In Memoriam (Easter, 1915)*	1:39	18	The Ghost	4:37
6	Voices of Women*	3:02	19	Kennst du das Land?*	2:08
7	The Lake Isle of Innisfree*	3:36	20	There's Wisdom in Women*	1:06
8	The Halt of the Legion*	2:43	21	The Mugger's Song*	1:36
9	Severn Meadows	1:55	22	Since thou, O fondest and truest*	2:33
10	Blawearly	1:50	23	The sea is full of wandering foam*	2:04
11	Sleep	3:26	24	Come away, death*	3:29
12	Red Roses	2:40	25	World Strangeness*	2:55
13	Snow	2:31	26	Western Sailors	2:29

*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING

Marcus Farnsworth, Baritone • Eric McElroy, Piano

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