

EDWARD THOMAS: Desire Under the Elms 8.669001-02

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Playing  
Time:  
125:50

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# Edward THOMAS

(b. 1924)

## Desire Under the Elms

An American Folk Opera in Three Acts  
Based on a Play by Eugene O'Neill  
Libretto by Joe Masteroff

Eben ..... Jerry Hadley  
Cabot ..... James Morris  
Abbie ..... Victoria Livengood  
Simeon ..... Mel Ulrich  
Peter ..... Jeffrey Lentz  
Sheriff ..... Darth Meadows

London Symphony Orchestra  
George Manahan, Conductor  
Paulette Haupt, Associate Conductor

CD 1

[1] Act 1, Scene 1	(5:59)	[1] Act 2, Scene 2	(23:27)
[2] Act 1, Scene 2	(10:38)	[2] Act 3, Scene 1	(28:36)
[3] Act 1, Scene 3	(18:17)	[3] Act 3, Scene 2	(6:58)
[4] Act 2, Scene 1	(19:35)	[4] Act 3, Scene 3	(12:15)

CD 2

[1] Act 1, Scene 1	(5:59)	[1] Act 2, Scene 2	(23:27)
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Full Libretto Enclosed.

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in September 2000 and January - June 2002.  
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Recording Engineers: David Merrill (US) & Jonathan Allen (UK)  
Production Assistant: Jeff Lewonczyk  
Art Director: Jennifer Axsom  
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The works of the great American playwright Eugene O'Neill have often been described as “operas without music” due to the outsize characters and emotions he routinely creates. Composer Edward Thomas and librettist Joe Masteroff have chosen one of O'Neill's most tragic plays, a tale of lust and jealousy set in the rocky hills of New England, and brought it to its logical conclusion on the operatic stage. This world première recording unites some of the most accomplished artists of the day to bring to life this powerful, evocative work.

This recording was supervised by  
the composer, Edward Thomas.

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