Béla Bartók won considerable repute as a pianist before finding success as a composer. A major influence throughout Bartók's creative life was the folk-music of his native Hungary and neighbouring Romania. This provided the material for many of his compositions, especially his piano works, for instance the *Two Romanian Dances*, the *Three Hungarian Folktunes*, and several of the *Ten Easy Pieces*, all included here. Bartók's melodic fertility and rhythmic vitality have ensured universal popularity for his music.

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