

The pre-eminent lutenist of his day, John Dowland was an almost exact contemporary of William Shakespeare. This first volume of his complete lute music, which comprises about one hundred solo pieces, includes the 7 *Fantasies* (or *Fancies*), free-form, improvisatory works in which the composer gives free rein to his fertile imagination and wonderful melodic gift.

John  
**DOWLAND**  
(1563-1626)

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1 Lord Strange's March	1:40	14 Mrs. Vaux's Jig	1:16
2 Mrs. White's Thing	2:14	15 Tarleton's Riserrectione	2:55
3 Mrs. White's Nothing	1:19		
4 'Tremolo' Fancy (P73)	3:27	16 A Fancy (Fantasie No. 6)	3:00
5 Mrs. Nichols' Almains	1:34	17 Forlorn Hope Fancy	3:52
6 A Fantasie (Fantasie No. 1)	4:27	(Fantasie No. 2)	
7 Preludium	1:06	18 The Shoemaker's Wife (A Toy)	1:14
8 A Fancy (Fantasie No. 5)	2:37	19 Lady Hunsdon's Puffe	1:50
9 A Dream	5:05	20 Orlando Sleepeth	2:55
10 A Fancy (Fantasie No. 7)	5:02		
		21 Mr. Dowland's Midnight	1:56
11 Mrs. Winter's Jump	1:40	22 Farewell 'In Nomine'	4:34
12 Lady Clifton's Spirit	1:48	(Fantasie No. 4)	
13 Mrs. Vaux's Galliard	2:27	23 Farewell (Fantasie No. 3)	6:41

Nigel North, Lute

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