

Although Australian by birth, Alfred Hill spent much of his youth in New Zealand before embarking on studies in Leipzig, where he met Brahms, Dvořák and Tchaikovsky. A prolific symphonist and operatic composer, he also wrote a sequence of seventeen notable string quartets. His style evolved constantly, the influence of Dvořák leading on to the impressionism of his mid-period. By the time of the *String Quartets Nos. 12 to 14* his mastery of technique – in his younger days he had played in a prominent string quartet – ensure that the music is balanced, subtle, and full of playful wit. This is the fifth of six volumes of the complete Alfred Hill String Quartets.

**Alfred
HILL**
(1869–1960)
String Quartets
Vol. 5

**String Quartet No. 12 in
E major**

20:43

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| 1 | I. Adagio – Allegro | 7:45 |
| 2 | II. Humoreske: Allegretto | 4:34 |
| 3 | III. Reverie: Andante | 3:38 |
| 4 | IV. Finale | 4:43 |

**String Quartet No. 13 in
E flat major**

20:21

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| 5 | I. Adagio – Allegro molto | 5:09 |
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| 6 | II. Scherzo | 3:32 |
| 7 | III. Barcarole | 4:48 |
| 8 | IV. Finale | 6:52 |

**String Quartet No. 14 in
B minor**

24:49

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| 9 | I. Adagio – Andante – Allegro | 8:41 |
| 10 | II. Adagio | 5:02 |
| 11 | III. Menuet | 4:28 |
| 12 | IV. Finale | 6:38 |

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Yury Gezentsvey, Violin I • Rosemary Harris, Violin II
Donald Maurice, Viola • David Chickering, Cello

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