

CZECH SONGS

Bohuslav Martinů (1890-1959)

1-7 Nipponari, H. 68, "Japanese Folk Songs" 19. 57

8-14 Songs on One Page, H. 294* 8. 18

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

15-19 Evening Songs, Op. 3 (tracks 15, 16, 19 orch. by Jiří Gemrot) 14. 37

20-21 Songs, Op. 2** 6. 20

Hans Krása (1899-1944)

22-25 Four Orchestral Songs, Op. 1 8. 48

Gideon Klein (1919-1945)

26 Lullaby** 3. 10

Total playing time: 61. 20

* orchestrated by Jiří Teml

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Magdalena Kožená, mezzo-soprano

Czech Philharmonic

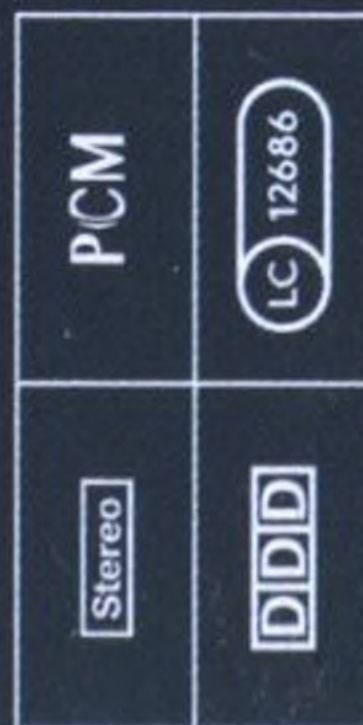
Conducted by Sir Simon Rattle

Magdalena Kožená, Sir Simon Rattle and the Czech Philharmonic invite the listener on a journey through Czech song via works by Dvořák, Martinů, Krása and Klein, showing the diversity of this nation's rich musical history, and incorporating influences from folklorism and Jewish heritage to avant-gardism and Japonisme. Many of the songs are presented here in rarely-heard orchestrations, enhancing the colourful nature of these works.

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