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- 01. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel The Vagabond
- 02. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel Let Beauty Awake
- 03. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel The Roadside Fire
- 04. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel Youth and Love
- 05. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel In Dreams play
- 06. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel Infinite shining heavens
- 07. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel Wither Must I Wander
- 08. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel Bright is the ring of words
- 09. Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel I have trod the upward and the downwar slope
- 10. Finzi Let Us Garlands Bring Come away, come away, death
- 11. Finzi Let Us Garlands Bring Who is Silvia
- 12. Finzi Let Us Garlands Bring Fear no more the heat o'the sun
- 13. Finzi Let Us Garlands Bring O Mistress mine
- 14. Finzi Let Us Garlands Bring It was a lover and his lass
- 15. Butterworth Bredon Hil and Other Songs Bredon Hill
- 16. Butterworth Bredon Hil and Other Songs On fair enough are sky and plain
- 17. Butterworth Bredon Hil and Other Songs When the lad for longing sighs
- 18. Butterworth Bredon Hil and Other Songs On the idel hill of summer
- 19. Butterworth Bredon Hil and Other Songs With rue my heart is laden
- 20. Ireland Sea Fever play
- 21. Ireland The Vagabond
- 22. Ireland The Bells of San Marie
- 23. Butterworth Six Songs from A Shropshire Lad Loveliest of trees
- 24. Butterworth Six Songs from A Shropshire Lad When I was one-and-twenty
- 25. Butterworth Six Songs from A Shropshire Lad Look not in my eyes
- 26. Butterworth Six Songs from A Shropshire Lad Tink no more, lad
- 27. Butterworth Six Songs from A Shropshire Lad The lads in their hundreds

Bryn Terfel (bass-baritone), Malcolm Martineau (piano)

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"There's a touch of genius about Bryn Terfel. To those who've known most of these songs since childhood and heard them well performed innumerable times, it will come not quite as a revelation but more as the fulfilment of a deeply felt wish, instinctive rather than consciously formed. As in all the best Lieder singing, everything is specific: 'Fly away, breath' we recite, thinking nothing of it, but with this singer it's visual – we see it in flight, just as in Sea Fever we know in the very tiniest of gaps that in that second he has heard 'the seagulls crying'. As in all the best singing of songs, whatever the nationality, there's strong, vivid communication: he'll sometimes sing so softly that if he'd secured anything less than total involvement he'd lose us. There's breadth of phrase, variety of tone, alertness of rhythm.

All the musical virtues are there; and yet that seems to go only a little way towards accounting for what's special. One after another, these songs are brought to full life. There's a boldness about Terfel's art that could be perilous, but which, as exercised here, is marvellously well guided by musicianship, intelligence and the genuine flash of inspiration. Malcolm Martineau's playing is also a delight: his touch is as sure and illuminating as the singer's." *Classical Music Guide 2010* 

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