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Britten wrote his *Songs and Proverbs of William Blake, Op. 74* for the German baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau in 1965. The singer admired the 'concentration and enigmatic smile' of the settings, and Britten constructed, through alternation of proverbs with songs, and an intense contemplation on the human and the eternal, one of his greatest song cycles. By contrast *Tit for Tat* sees Britten revisiting youthful, light-spirited settings of the poet Walter de la Mare. The folk-song arrangements are amongst his most famous, and beloved.

## Benjamin BRITTEN

(1913–1976)

### Songs and Proverbs of William Blake, Op. 74 26:03

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|----|---------------------|------|
| 1  | Proverb I           | 1:19 |
| 2  | London              | 2:22 |
| 3  | Proverb II          | 0:38 |
| 4  | The Chimney-Sweeper | 2:18 |
| 5  | Proverb III         | 0:49 |
| 6  | A Poison Tree       | 4:34 |
| 7  | Proverb IV          | 0:45 |
| 8  | The Tyger           | 1:55 |
| 9  | Proverb V           | 0:50 |
| 10 | The Fly             | 1:55 |

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| 11 | Proverb VI                 | 1:40 |
| 12 | Ah! Sun-flower             | 3:11 |
| 13 | Proverb VII                | 0:48 |
| 14 | Every night and every morn | 2:57 |

### Tit for Tat 8:38

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|----|-----------------------|------|
| 15 | A Song of Enchantment | 2:32 |
| 16 | Autumn                | 1:17 |
| 17 | Silver                | 1:32 |
| 18 | Vigil                 | 1:35 |
| 19 | Tit for Tat           | 1:39 |

### Folk-songs 25:50

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|----|------------------------|------|
| 20 | The Plough Boy         | 1:43 |
| 21 | The foggy, foggy dew   | 2:02 |
| 22 | Tom Bowling            | 4:27 |
| 23 | O Waly, Waly           | 3:17 |
| 24 | Oliver Cromwell        | 0:43 |
| 25 | The Ash Grove          | 2:23 |
| 26 | The Salley Gardens     | 2:28 |
| 27 | There's none to soothe | 1:39 |
| 28 | Little Sir William     | 2:43 |
| 29 | Ca' the yowes          | 4:10 |

Roderick Williams, Baritone • Iain Burnside, Piano

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