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Published together in 1611, Gesualdo's *Fifth* and *Sixth Books of Madrigals* can be seen as musical 'twins', concluding a collection of madrigals by a composer whose boundless invention and creativity was unrestrained by an employer's demands or the constraints of courtly convention. Gesualdo returns to themes of love and rejection, death and suffering, joy and sorrow; creating music which has the power to surprise and enthrall anyone who hears it. This is Delitiae Musicae's final volume of their highly acclaimed cycle of the complete *Madrigals*.

Carlo  
**GESUALDO**  
da Venosa  
(1566-1613)

## Madrigals Books 5 and 6

**CD 1** **74:10**

**Including:** *Gioite voi col canto • S'io non miro non moro • Itene, o miei sospiri  
O dolorosa gioia • Mercè gridò piangendo • Tu m'uccidi, o crudele*

**CD 2** **67:09**

**Including:** *O tenebroso giorno • T'amo mia vita • Se la mia morte brami  
Beltà, poi che t'assenti • Mille volte il dì, moro • Io pur respiro*

**CD 3** **41:21**

**Including:** *Ardita zanzaretta • Ancide sol la morte • Quel no crudel  
Moro, lasso, al mio duolo • Già piansi nel dolore • Quanto ridente e bella*

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