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*Sea Pictures, Mvt. 1: Sea slumber: Andantino*5:21 *Sea Pictures, Mvt. 2: In Haven: Allegretto*1:52 *Sea Pictures, Mvt. 3: Sabbath morning at sea: Moderato - Grandioso*5:22 *Sea Pictures, Mvt. 4: Where corals lie: Allegretto ma non troppo*3:47 [play](#) *Sea Pictures, Mvt. 5: The Swimmer: Allegro di molto*5:29

Janet Baker – alto London Symphony Orchestra John Barbirolli – conductor

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934) is a late Romantic English composer. His father was a Catholic music shop owner. As a child, he took violin lessons and began composing at age ten. He supplemented his (meager) income from composing by teaching and playing organ and violin. Despite his humble beginnings, he garnered much acclaim as a composer. The University of Cambridge bestowed upon him an honorary doctorate in 1900, and he received the Order of Merit in 1911. His wife died in 1920, at which time he retired.

Sea Pictures (1899) is a song cycle composed for a contralto accompanied by an orchestra. It was the first work he wrote after his work became well-known.

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