Alfred Deller - Folk Songs and Ballads. CD3 The Three Ravens/The Wraggle-Taggle Gypsies (2008)



Anon.: 1 The Three Ravens 3:22 2 The Cuckoo 1:44 3 How Should I Your True Love Know (Ophelia's song from Hamlet) 1:43 4 Sweet Nightingale 2:16 5 I Will Give My Love an Apple 1:45 6 The Oak and the Ash 2:23 7 King Henry 2:43 8 Coventry Carol 2:20 9 Barbara Allen 2:10 10 Heigh Ho, the Wind and the Rain ("Twelfth Night") 1:58 11 Waly, Waly 3:02 12 Down in Yon Forest 2:14 13 Matthew, Mark, Luke and John 3:07 14 The Tailor and the Mouse 1:34 15 Greensleaves 2:17 16 The Wraggle Taggle Gypsies 3:16 17 Lord Rendall 5:40 18 Sweet Jane 2:39 19 The Frog and the Mouse 1:47 20 The Seeds of Love 3:53 21 Flowers in the Valley 2:17 22 Near London Town 3:05 23 O Who's Going to Shoe Your Pretty Little Foot 1:36 24 Blow Away the Morning Dew 3:16 25 Searching for lambs 2:17 26 Sweet England 2:59 27 Dabbling in the Dew 2:00 28 Strawberry Fair 2:12 29 Just as the Tide Was a-Flowing 2:24 Alfred Deller – countertenor Desmond Dupre - lute and guitar

Simple, ravishing singing of some wonderful old songs. Really, this release cannot be faulted, except that the booklet in my copy was misprinted. At least some lyrics are included, but they don't always correspond to what is sung. Still, a very welcome recording, well worth hearing. Deller's recordings of "Barbara Allen" and "Waly, Waly" are particularly lovely. Desmond Dupre is a luxury accompanist indeed. This is music making at its very best. By the way, I find "The Wraggle-Taggle Gypsies" a very disturbing song - haunting, in fact. ---amazon.com

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