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1. *At The Wedding*
2. *Halling*
3. *Springar*
4. *The Abduction Of The Bride: Ingrid's Lament*
5. *Peer Gynt And The Herd-girls*
6. *Peer Gynt And The Woman In Green*
7. *Peer Gynt::*
8. *In The Hall Of The Mountain King*
9. *Dance Of The Mountain King's Daughter*
10. *Peer Gynt Hunted By The Trolls*
11. *Peer Gynt Ant The Boyg*
12. *The Death Of Ase. Prelude To Act Iii*
13. *The Death Of Ase. Act Iii, Scene 4*
14. *Morning Mood*
15. *The Thief And The Receiver*
16. *Arabian Dance*
17. *Anitra's Dance*
18. *Peer Gynts Serenade*
19. *Peer Gynt And Anitra*
20. *Solveig's Song*
21. *Peer Gynt At The Statue Of Memnon*
22. *Peer Gynt Homecoming: Stormy Evening On The Sea*
23. *Shipwreck*
24. *Solveig Sings In The Hut*
25. *Night Scene*
26. *Whitsun Hymn: "Blessed Morn"*
27. *Solveig's Cradle Song*

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Neeme Jarvi – conductor

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Conductor Paavo Jarvi does a masterful job of leading the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra plays with great emotion and precision creating an exciting and almost hypnotic effect. Although Beecham's version is very good, his Peer Gynt does not come close to matching the sheer beauty of Jarvi's.

The soloists on this album are outstanding. I consider baritone Peter Mattei to be the most talented baritone of his type today and his rendition of Peer Gynt's Serenade is nothing short of incredible. Soprano Camilla Tilling as Soveig has a lovely ethereal sound to her voice which is used to great effect in her songs. Tilling has the loveliest female voice I have ever heard. Mezzo Charlotte Hellekant has also grown on me as Anitra. Many of these vocal songs are not included on other versions of Peer Gynt, which is a great shame. The choir, something I don't usually enjoy, is very impressive.

I would rate this CD as by far the best version of Peer Gynt and perhaps my favorite CD of all time. The sound quality of the recording should also be mentioned because it is absolutely stunning. ---Rod (Markham, Ontario Canada)

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