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Royal Liverpool  
Philharmonic Orchestra

Symphony No. 14

SHOSTAKOVICH



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SHOSTAKOVICH: SYMPHONY NO. 14

ROYAL  
LIVERPOOL  
PHILHARMONIC  
ORCHESTRA



DMITRY  
SHOSTAKOVICH  
(1906-1975)

Playing Time:  
49:36

At its première in June 1969 Shostakovich described his *Symphony No. 14*, in effect a symphonic song cycle, 'a fight for the liberation of humanity... a great protest against death, a reminder to live one's life honestly, decently, nobly...' Originally intending to write an oratorio, Shostakovich set eleven poems on the theme of mortality, and in particular early or unjust death, for two solo singers accompanied by strings and percussion. This is the penultimate release in Vasily Petrenko's internationally acclaimed symphonic cycle.

**Symphony No. 14, Op. 135 (1969)**

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|----------|--------------------------------|------|-----------|----------------------------------------|------|
| <b>1</b> | De profundis: Adagio †         | 4:31 | <b>7</b>  | At the Santé Prison: Adagio †          | 9:55 |
| <b>2</b> | Malagueña: Allegretto – *      | 2:46 | <b>8</b>  | The Zaporozhian Cossacks' Reply to the |      |
| <b>3</b> | Lorelei: Allegro molto – * †   | 8:37 |           | Sultan of Constantinople: Allegro – †  | 1:51 |
| <b>4</b> | The Suicide: Adagio *          | 6:51 | <b>9</b>  | O Delvig, Delvig!: Andante †           | 4:04 |
| <b>5</b> | On Watch: Allegretto – *       | 3:04 | <b>10</b> | The death of the poet: Largo – *       | 4:32 |
| <b>6</b> | Madam, look!: Allegretto – * † | 2:02 | <b>11</b> | Conclusion: Moderato * †               | 1:22 |

Texts by Federico García Lorca **1-2**, Guillaume Apollinaire **3-8**,  
Wilhelm Küchelbecker **9** and Rainer Maria Rilke **10-11**.

Sung in Russian. Translations by I. Tynyanova **1**, Anatoli Geleskul **2**, Mikhail Kudinov **3-8** and T. Silman **10-11**.

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