

Beginning in 1977, EMI issued a remarkable series of LP's under the title "The Record of Singing". The high cost of Volume I derived from its initially including twelve LP's and a massive analysis by Michael Scott. That analysis and its companion for Volume II are together in print from Northeastern University, decades after the LP's have been out of print.

As with all LP's, those in this set were and are vulnerable to damage in use. Such a reference set is likely to be accessed often, yet even modest wear and tear over the decades since release would make access problematic. One advantage of the CD-ROM format is that the selections are instantly accessible without determining disc, side and band; mounting the disc; finding and initiating the track. CD reissue provides durability and fewer discs to handle (Volume III has been reissued as ten CD's compared with the original thirteen LP's.)

In order to provide owners of The Record of Singing durable, convenient access to the musical content, we have collected all selections here. The sound has not been processed for this transfer; in a few cases, spike noise apparently generated in playback has been reduced to permit equalization of levels across the bands. Otherwise, the tracks on this disc are intended precisely to reproduce those on the LP's.

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**Volume I
The Beginnings**

The Castrato Voice
The Old School
English-Speaking Singers
The French
The Emergence of Verismo
The German Style
Singers of Imperial Russia
Supplement

**Volume II
1914-1925**

Revolution and Russian Songs
French Tradition in Decline
The Heyday of Verismo
Singers from the English-Speaking World
The German Style in Evolution

**Volume III
The Electrical Era: 1925-1938**

The German School
The Italian School
The French School
The Anglo-American School
The East European/Slavic School

**Volume IV
1939 to the End of the 78 Era**

The Anglo-American School
The French School
The German School
The Scandinavian School
The Russian and Slavonic Schools
The Italian School

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