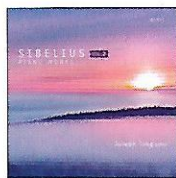


MUSICAL OPINION
July-September 2018
Compact



**Joseph Tong:
Sibelius Piano
Music Vol 2**

Valse Triste; Sonata
Op 12; Three
Sonatinas Op 67;

Six Bagatelles Op 97; Four Lyric Pieces
Op 74; Five Characteristic Impressions
Op 103

★★★★★ Quartz: QTZ 2123 [c.64']

This excellent CD continues the favourable impression given by the first issue in this integral recording of Sibelius's complete solo piano music. In this case, the music is arguably of even greater interest, containing – as it does – the wonderful Opus 12 Sonata, which deserves to be much better known than it is.

But all of this music, by such a great composer, is more than worthy of the attention of all music-lovers, and in search of a more complete picture of Sibelius's output the music-lover can do no better than acquire this very fine recording. Joseph Tong is a masterful Sibelian, and brings to these remarkably varied works a measure of understanding and technical adroitness which is admirable. The recording quality is first-class, and – as with the first CD – this deserves the highest recommendation.

Robert Matthew-Walker