



artists: Kenneth Woods
English Symphony Orchestra
English Chamber Orchestra
Rodolfus Choir

title: Elgar orch. Donald Fraser *Piano Quintet, Sea Picture*

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about the release

One “of the most exciting events I have experienced during a reviewing career approaching half a century,” was the verdict of the Birmingham Post’s critic after hearing the premiere performance of Elgar’s *Piano Quintet* in a new orchestration by Donald Fraser, with **Kenneth Woods** conducting the **English Symphony Orchestra**. This version, which was also named a “Premiere of the

Year” by Classical Music Magazine, appears in a studio recording alongside Fraser’s choral arrangement of Elgar’s *Sea Pictures* with Woods conducting the **English Chamber Orchestra** and the **Rodolfus Choir**. Fraser has frequently orchestrated works by Elgar at the behest of individuals and organizations including Yehudi Menuhin and the Elgar Society. These two new arrangements will appeal to orchestras and choirs worldwide, and the recording will spread Elgar’s music to yet a wider audience.

critical acclaim

“a triumph in its recreation of Elgar's rich orchestral sound-world ... The ESO certainly played with an enthusiastic awareness that they were making history, and the devoted, unassuming Kenneth Woods conducted with an easy flexibility that recalled the work's chamber-music origins.” – *Birmingham Post (UK)*

summary

Kenneth Woods conducts two triumphant **premiere recordings** of works by Elgar, orchestrated by Donald Fraser: the *Piano Quintet* with the **English Symphony Orchestra**, and *Sea Pictures* for choir and orchestra, with the **English Chamber Orchestra** and the **Rodolfus Choir**.

tracklist

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934), orch. Donald Fraser
Piano Quintet in A minor
I. Moderato - Allegro
II. Adagio
III. Andante – Allegro
Sea Pictures
Sea Slumber Song
In Haven (Capri)
Sabbath Morning at Sea
Where Corals Lie
The Swimmer