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KURT WEILL

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Introduction

To be asked to write an introduction for this folio of music by a composer of Kurt Weill’s stature is extremely flattering and awe-inspiring. I would like to believe in some way that there are no evident glaring influences in the music that I write which would reflect the work of one composer or any school of composing. However, I do remember having a tremendous affinity for Mr. Weill’s music — caring a great deal about it, and if, in a way, through the affection for his music some of it has rubbed off on me, I feel extremely fortunate. I am sure that you will enjoy playing, singing, and reading through the songbook as much as I have.— BURT BACHARACH.

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