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# ROSE TREMAIN

## Music & Silence

Read by **Michael Praed**  
with **Clare Wille**  
and **Alison Dowling**



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1	Narrator: A lamp is lit.	4:59
2	Then his majesty stands up and moves...	4:59
3	Kirsten Munk, Consort of King Christian IV of Denmark...	4:56
4	Narrator: Denmark is a watery kingdom.	4:58
5	It is snowing at Rosenborg.	6:07
6	The child Christian, after his baptism...	6:46
7	Kirsten: One birthday gift I have not mentioned...	2:58
8	Narrator: Peter Claire and Jens Ingemann return...	4:51
9	Although it is only 10 o'clock in the morning...	5:25
10	Lament of Countess O Fingal from her notebook...	5:32
11	Narrator: Emilia was born in Jutland.	7:03
12	Countess: I must now mention my four children...	7:26
13	Narrator: Only high-born children were sent...	8:39
14	Kirsten: The King has gone away.	4:38
15	Kirsten (cont.): Today – a day of sudden sun...	5:40
16	Narrator: Now, with Emilia gone, Magdalena Tilsen rules...	3:38
17	Countess: While I and the children were staying...	4:55
18	Kirsten: Since the King's departure into Norway...	2:42
19	Countess: On the day that Peter Claire arrived...	5:56
20	Narrator: The convoy has arrived in the icy valleys...	6:29

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21	Letter from Johann Tilsen to Emilia Tilsen	1:39
22	Kirsten: Oh, Lord, but Men do Vex me...	4:52
23	Narrator: The golden plaits are gone.	5:52
24	Countess: One day, in high summer, Johnnie announced...	3:29
25	Narrator: Towards the end of June...	5:40
26	Sir Mark Langton Smythe, as is the custom...	5:14
27	King Christian had waited nine years to be crowned.	7:29
28	Kirsten: I declare that no time in my life...	5:40
29	Narrator: Peter Claire walks alone in the streets...	5:34
30	Countess: Johnnie O’Fingal returned from Dublin...	3:37
31	The Thoughts of Marcus Tilsen, Aged Four and a Half...	2:52
32	Narrator: On her journey to Jutland...	6:32
33	Kirsten: The success of my announcement to the King...	3:57
34	Narrator: Emilia Tilsen stands in the cellar...	5:47
35	When he wakes...	4:19
36	Letter from Countess O’Fingal to Peter Claire	1:54
37	Kirsten: How I do loathe and detest musical performances!	4:58
38	Narrator: Dowager Queen Sofie stares at her own face...	6:25
39	In the night that follows this afternoon...	5:38
40	And then she hits him.	4:59

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41	Kirsten: We are at Boller in my mother's house.	2:45
42	Marcus: My father says 'Now you have a new sister...'	0:39
43	Letter from Countess O'Fingal to Peter Claire	1:38
44	Narrator: The lane is bright with sunshine...	3:12
45	While the summer lasted...	8:10
46	Vibeke Kruse has begun to lose weight.	8:34
47	Kirsten: In this miserable November...	3:03
48	Narrator: The spirit of mutiny among the musicians...	4:03
49	Narrator (cont.): George Middleton's submission...	6:46
50	Kirsten: My baby has been christened Dorothea...	7:04
51	The King arrives at Kronborg early in the morning...	8:59
52	Marcus: I went into the forest...	1:28
53	Narrator: Johann Tilsen and his sons search for Marcus...	5:41
54	Kirsten: We spent Christmas in darkness.	5:31
55	Narrator: Mr. George Middleton is giving a party...	7:12
56	Francesca and her father look at Peter Claire...	8:33
57	Dowager Queen Sofie is in her cellar.	4:42
58	As the cold of January deepens...	5:58
59	While Signor Ponti consults...	8:45
60	Ingmar was sent away.	7:36

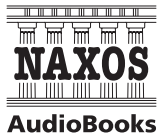
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61	Narrator (cont.): It had always been true of Marcus...	8:53
62	It used to happen when Christian was a boy...	5:00
63	Kirsten: March has come in and the snow...	4:29
64	Narrator: On a morning in March 1630...	4:03
65	Countess: We have arrived in a land of forests.	6:06
66	Narrator: No sooner is baby Ulla weaned...	5:27
67	Kirsten: I am alone.	2:02
68	Narrator: The date of Charlotte Claire's wedding...	4:30
69	King Christian is trying to pray.	7:46
70	On a bright morning, Peter Claire hears the noise...	7:56
71	'No one knows', says Johann Tilsen to the doctor...	4:31
72	April arrives.	5:29
73	Ellen Marsvin finds the former Woman of the Torso...	7:26
74	With the death of Magdalena...	5:48
75	Narrator (cont.): Somehow the men contrive it...	2:40
76	The dream is familiar to King Christian...	6:54
77	Vibeke watches the steady burning of the candle...	7:55
78	As April comes in...	7:45
79	A few nights before the court removes itself...	4:23
80	Now, a ship called the <i>Sankt Nicolai</i> is lying becalmed...	4:46

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81	Kirsten: I have given away my baby, Dorothea.	5:44
82	It appeared that as the coach passed through...	4:24
83	Narrator: On the first day of May...	4:10
84	Peter Claire stares at the room.	6:07
85	Kirsten: I find myself turning the word Slave over and over...	5:59
86	Narrator: Emilia has her pot of poison now, white as snow.	7:14
87	In the night, Marcus wakes his sister and says...	6:54
88	Kirsten: Last night I had a dream.	4:01

**Total time: 7:54:36**



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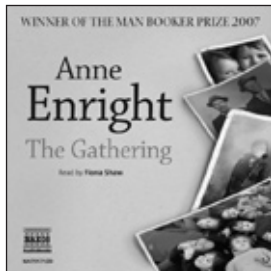
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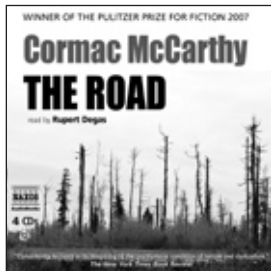
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