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Antonin Dvořák

1 - 4 Symphony No. 8 in G Major, op. 88

I. Allegro con brio 10:04

II. Adagio 11:44

III. Allegretto grazioso 6:04

IV. Allegro ma non troppo 11:11

Leoš Janáček

5 Symphonic Suite from "Jenůfa" 23:02 (Conceptualized by Manfred Honeck, realized by Tomáš Ille)

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