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EDWARD ELGAR Violin Sonata in E minor, Op. 82 01. *I. Allegro* (08:49) 02. *II. Romance (Andante)* (09:49) 03. *III. Allegro non troppo* (09:48)  
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Violin Sonata in A minor  
04. *I. Fantasia (Allegro giusto)* (08:37) 05. *II. Scherzo (Allegro furioso ma non troppo)* (05: 38)  
06- 13. *III. Tema con variazioni (Andante)* (11:39)  
WILLIAM WALTON Violin Sonata\*  
14. *I. Allegro tranquillo* (12:08) 15-22. *II. Variazioni (Andante)* (12:51)  
Yehudi Menuhin, violin Hepzibah Menuhin, piano \*Louis Kentner, piano

Menuhin has a special feeling for Elgar, and this 1978 recording of the Violin Sonata results from a finely conceived breadth of expression. However, because his intonation is not perfect, the sweep of invention is occasionally undermined. The little-known Vaughan Williams Sonata (1954) is played with real commitment, and Hepzibah Menuhin's contribution is especially praiseworthy. The Walton Sonata was written for Menuhin, and though the 1950 recording is inevitably lacking in bloom, there is no doubting the commanding interpretation. ---Terry Barfoot, classical-music.com

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