MARY O'HARA - A SONG FOR IRELAND

VALENTINE MUSIC GROUP / VALENTINE RECORDS (1982)

MY LAGAN LOVE KITTY OF COLERAINE* (trad arr. O'Hara) A SOFT DAY (trad arr. O'Hara) **ORO MO BHAIDIN (ORO MY LITTLE BOAT)** (trad arr. O'Hara) YOUNG BRIGID O'MALLEY* (trad arr. O'Hara) **DANNY BOY** (trad arr. O'Hara) **THE SPANISH LADY** (trad arr. O'Hara) SHE MOVED THROUGH THE FAIR (UNACCOMPANIED) (trad arr. O'Hara) THE GARTAN MOTHER'S LULLABY THE FAIRY TREE AILIU EANAI* (trad arr. O'Hara) **BRING ME A SHAWL FROM GALWAY** DOWN BY THE SALLY GARDENS THE SONG OF GLENDUN AN PEATA CIRCE (THE PET HEN)* (trad arr. O'Hara) **THE QUIET LAND OF ERIN** (trad arr. O'Hara)

(*PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TRACK)

(Vocals with Celtic harp accompaniment)

'A Song for Ireland' is Mary O'Hara's fourteenth album.

It was recorded in August 1982 at 'Rivendell', Mary's home in England. Twelve songs were recorded at these sessions and Valentine Records also included four previously released songs in the album's final track listing.

The album contains traditional Irish material.

It was released towards the end of 1982 to accompany Mary's second book, also entitled 'A Song for Ireland'. The book, an anthology of Mary's favourite Irish songs, was to become a bestseller in several countries, as her autobiography had previously done.

The new book and album were promoted by TV and radio appearances, magazine features and Mary's international concert tour schedule.

The album was released in the UK, Ireland, Australia, Canada and other countries.

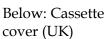
Tracks from 'A Song for Ireland' also appeared in several 'Various Artist' compilations and the Mary O'Hara compilation releases: 'Mary O'Hara Sings', 'The Beautiful Music Of Mary O'Hara' and 'Mary O'Hara - 40 Traditional Songs'.

Valentine Records re-issued the 'A Song for Ireland' album on CD in 1990 in the UK as an expanded edition containing twenty-six songs.

The original sixteen track 'A Song for Ireland' album was reissued on CD in the USA in 1992.

The twenty-six track expanded edition was also re-issued in 1995 in the UK by the Hallmark label, with a different cover design.

Mary's harp arrangements as performed on this album are now available to buy in 5 volumes of her 'Travels With My Harp' music books.







Left: "A Song for Ireland" book

