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“Melodic piano compositions inspired by people and places I’ve loved”

Charles Goodger

The Steps of Caltagirone, Some time in Verona, Eaton Reverie, Clifftop Ramble, and Cinque Terre, are just some of the names of the pieces in this album, representing places, feelings, and people met along the way: all elements that enrich the good memories of a world traveller.

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Composer, educator, entrepreneur, and world traveller
Charles Goodger delights us with this album dedicated to the
timeless pleasures of discovery.

*To all travellers, young and old, get on board.
The adventure is about to begin!*

Tracklist

1. The Steps of Caltagirone
2. Labedoyère
3. Some time in Verona
4. Genoa Genova
5. Eaton Reverie
6. Open Country
7. Lakes
8. Clifftop Ramble
9. Olindo Air
10. Cinque Terre
11. Capetian dynasty
12. I Love Christmas





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I'd been learning classical piano since age 5, but in my early teens it was guitar that truly captivated me. Late sixties and early seventies England were a magical time for music. In my final years at school, I returned to the piano and collaborated with a talented musician, Mark Williams. We composed semi-classical piano duets. One was "Capetian Dynasty," the medieval period we were studying in history class at the time.

My passion for languages and music emerged after trips to Spain where I was first exposed to flamenco-related melodies. At 13 I had the chance to study Spanish alongside French. I later came to learn Italian and have lived on and off in Italy for many years - several of the pieces in this album are inspired by places and people in beautiful Italy.

After school my language and literature studies continued in Oxford and London, unknowingly laying the foundation for my later educational venture, FunSongs Education, a music-based program that teaches children basic English and intelligible pronunciation through action songs and related materials.

I set up **FunSongs** in Windsor, UK in 2000 and since then it has taken me round the world. From a count of all the schools in 50 countries that have used the program, it is estimated that over 100,000 children have benefited it. The FunSongs website is where schools, teachers and parents go to download songs and e-books. I have been told that the key to its success is the strong melody of the language songs. Kids love to learn, sing and act them out. You can hear an instrumental adaption of the simple action song I Love Christmas published by **Prima Classic**.

In 2020 the world famous Italian tenor, **Al Bano** recorded my song Terra d'Ambra e di Emozioni - Land of Amber an ode to the beauty and spirit of Latvia where I lived for five years while Maria Teresa was teaching Italian language and culture at Riga University.

I have also written for one of the world's most famous opera singers, the beautiful soprano **Marina Rebeka**. She recorded my song Tell the World" backed by the Budapest Philharmonic orchestra in 2023.

These pieces represent a quest for beauty tinged by a special connection to the places and people that inspired them. You may also find them relaxing background music when studying or working. Enjoy!

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