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# Kurt Weill (1900-1950)

(German Jewish composer of musicals and theatre music; m. Lotte Lenya; emigrated USA)

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 \_\_\_\_\_. *Der Protagonist.* Opera. Libretto by Georg Kaiser.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Berliner Requiem.* Brecht, Weill.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny.* Brecht, Weill.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Der Web der Verheissung.* (“The Eternal Road”). Oratorio. Prod. Manhattan Opera House.

\_\_\_\_\_. *One Touch of Venus,* musical comedy by S. J. Perelman and Ogden Nash, after F. J. Anstey's *The Tinted Venus.* Lyrics by Ogden Nash.

\_\_\_\_\_. "I'm a Stranger Here Myself." From *One Touch of Venus,* NDR-Sinfonieorchester / John Eliot Gardiner. Rec. 1993. In *Anne-Sofie Von Otter: The Artist's Album.* Hamburg: Deutsche Grammophon, 1998.\*

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Die Sieben Todsünden / The Seven Deadly Sins. Mahagonny Songspiel.* Ute Lemper. Text by Bertolt Brecht. With Susanne Tremper, Helmut Wildhaber, Peter Haage, Thomas Mohr, Manfred Jungwirth. Rias Berlin Sinfonietta, dir. John Mauceri. Rias Co-prod. CD. London: Decca, 1990.\*

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