## EDWARD ELGAR

## Mina

for small orchestra

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MINA was Elgar's last completed orchestral work, written in 1933 and published in 1934. It was dedicated to Fred Gaisberg, Chief Recorder of The Gramophone Company, who considered the recording of Elgar's work conducted by the composer the most important part of his life's work.

Elgar's dogs: Mina the Cairn terrier, Marco the Spaniel and Meg the Scottie were his companions in his last years.

The first performance of Mina was the H.M.V. recording on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1934, by the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lawrance Collingwood. On 15<sup>th</sup> February, from his bed at his home in 'Marl Bank', overlooking Worcester, Elgar listened to the record presented to him and dictated criticisms of it to his daughter Carice. The whereabouts of the harp part mentioned is unknown.

#### Dear Mr Gaisberg,

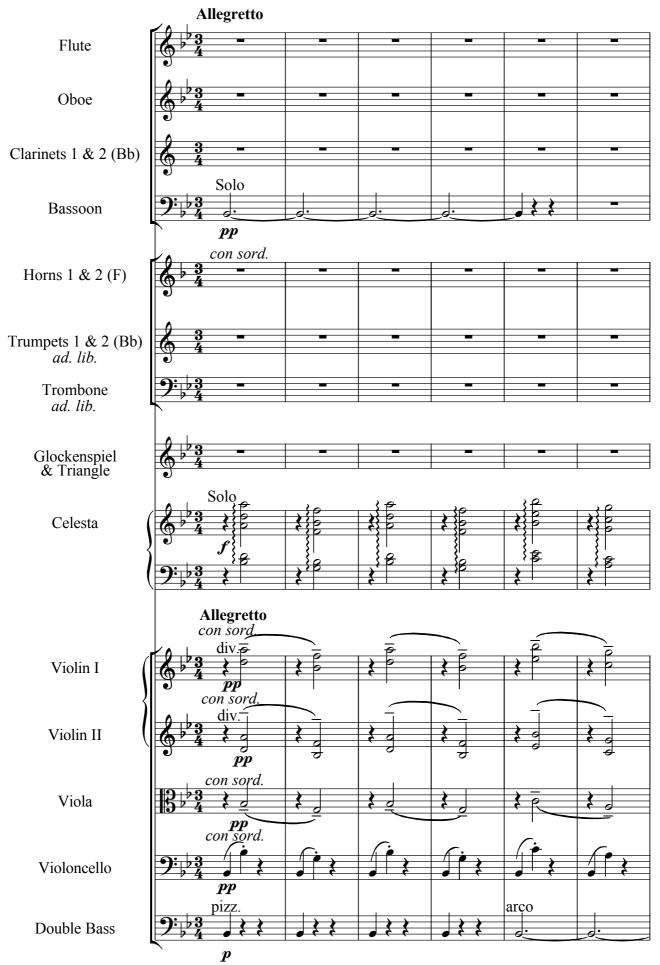
I had the opportunity of playing the Mina record to father today. He wants me to tell you that he very much enjoyed hearing it - & thinks it so kind of you to have had it done - & he hopes you will not mind his saying that it is too fast – he knows the time was not marked - & it wants more stress on the  $1^{st}$  note in the opening part – the next time should be much softer & quieter

Later on the part played by \*Billie Reed (sic) is twice as fast as it should be & the harp part (the  $1^{st}$  note of the  $2^{nd}$  time) does not come out enough.

He is so sorry to make all these criticisms - & hopes you may have an opportunity of making another record – he does not wish this one published as it stands.

*Yours affectionately, Carice S. Blake.* \*W.H. Reed, violinist and close friend.

Elgar died early in the morning of 23<sup>rd</sup> February, aged seventy-six.



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