

Australian Nightingale

AUSTRALIAN nightingales, rare as the ones in Berkeley Square, are more likely to be found there in human form. A very special place among the kangaroo-country's songsters belongs to Glenda Raymond, the young soprano whom New Zealanders already know from her radio series *Glenda*. Recently Glenda recorded another series of these programmes, accompanied by the Australian Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hector Crawford, her husband. Naturally their co-operation is a success



GLENDA RAYMOND

and, with the support of the Westminster singers who sing choruses of yesterday and today, *Glenda* makes its claim to be considered Radio's Loveliest Programme a really strong one.

Ten years ago Glenda Raymond was "discovered" in Melbourne and auditions brought her the leading singing role in *Melba*, a radio biography of the celebrated diva. Then followed important roles in the *Opera for the People* series. Tens of thousands flocked to hear her in the famous open-air Sunday afternoon "Music for the People" concerts in Melbourne's beautiful Botanic Gardens.

In 1949, Glenda went to London and rapidly became a shooting star in the concert and operatic world. Her lyric soprano suited perfectly the role of Etain for a revival of Rutland Boughton's *The Immortal Hour*, and the British Press unanimously hailed her as a new find. She was engaged as soloist with the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Albert Hall, then for a succession of weekly BBC concerts and Television shows. However, Glenda has always felt herself to be first and foremost an Australian, and this new series of programmes was recorded on a visit home between two London seasons.

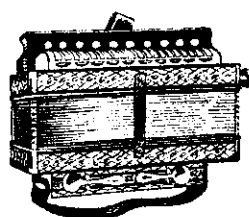
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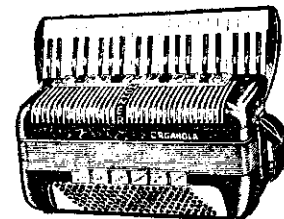
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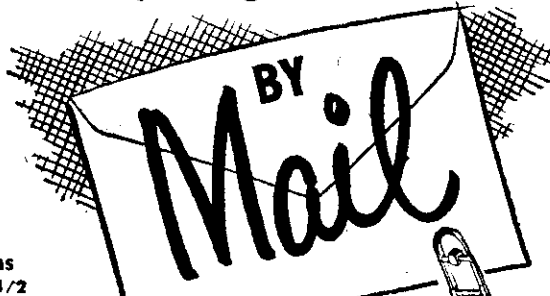
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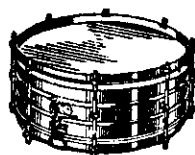
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