



LUCREZIA BORGIA

GAETANO DONIZETTI 1797-1848

Donizetti's operatic portrayal of Lucrezia Borgia is one of the most demanding roles for a soprano, and only such accomplished stars as Joan Sutherland have risen to the challenge. Lucrezia was notorious in Renaissance Ferrara as much for her beauty as for the political intrigue and suspicious deaths that surrounded her and her family. Here Sutherland deftly captures the complexity of a powerful, vengeful woman, who is at the same time a loving mother - in the final scenes she chillingly shows her unsuspecting victims the coffins in which they will be buried, but cannot bear the heartbreaking revelations that follow. Richard Bonyngé conducts a cast including Alfredo Kraus as Gennaro, supported by the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House and Royal Opera Chorus, in John Copley's production for The Royal Opera.

This recording, with English subtitles, is preserved in its original Standard Definition and 4:3 picture format.

Lucrezia Borgia **JOAN SUTHERLAND**
Gennaro **ALFREDO KRAUS**
Maffio Orsini **ANNE HOWELLS**
Alfonso d'Este **STAFFORD DEAN**

ROYAL OPERA CHORUS
Chorus Master **JOHN BARKER**

ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
Concert Master **MEYER STOLOW**

Conductor **RICHARD BONYNGE**
Director **JOHN COPLEY**
Set designer **JOHN PASCOE**
Costume designer **MICHAEL STENNETT**
Lighting designer **ROBERT BRYAN**

Directed for the screen by **BRIAN LARGE**

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