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Folk Songs and Ballads sung by

# TONY and IRENE SALETAN

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### Recorded by Sandy Paton Notes by Tony and Irene Saletan

I have known Tony and Irene for a long time — so long, in fact, that when I first met them they were not "Tony and Irene," as we know them now, but Tony here and Irene there with no apparent connection between the two. Tony was my friend the Boston area folksinger who knew more obscure but greatly singable songs than anyone else around. Irene was one of the Kossoy sisters, lovely look-alike twins who sang enchanting mountain ballads in perfectly pitched and blended harmonies, legendary during the golden years of Washington Square.

One night I was singing in a New York folk club and in came my two friends, Tony from Cambridge and Irene from the Square and I knew immediately (although I didn't let on to them) that this was a team made in Heaven (so to speak) and they would be, thenceforth, *Tony and Irene*.

Since that time I have had the dubious distinction of having heard them sing more times than any other person, since we have performed in several hundred school assembly programs and community concerts together. Hearing anyone sing several hundred times is pretty heavy, but I can honestly say that I have never gotten tired of their gentle surprises, infectious good humor, and musical sensitivity (although I must admit that during some of those 9 A.M. assemblies none of us is awake). They also have a talent for digging up unusual, haunting and beautiful versions of songs.

This record will give you a very good idea of what Tony and Irene's music is all about. The songs included here are among my favorites, although their repertoire is so large it would take more than one album to get all my favorites down. This one is certainly representative, though, and you and I will be listening to it many times, and with great pleasure. It was a long time coming. Let's hope there will be others before too long.

SIDE 2:

Happy Traum

#### SIDE 1:

DON'T YOU HEAR THE BELLS A-RINGING 2:35 THE OLD GRANITE STATE 2:55 LADY MARGARET 8:24 RAKE AND RAMBLING BOY 3:49 BISWO MA AGLO (Nepal) 1:48 SYDNEY COAL FIELDS (Nova Scotia) 1:57 ALA TIPANG (Indonesia) 2:15 BRIGHT MORNING STARS 2:13 ALL AROUND MY HAT 3:28 THE PICKWICK CLUB TRAGEDY 2:33 COURTING CASE 2:13 THE FALSE BRIDE 4:29 K'ANG TING LOVE SONG (China) 2:00 PEGGY GORDON 3:55 HAIL TO BRITANNIA 2:55

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