The Secret Garden

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Gwen Watford is a wonderfully warm narrator who is never patronising. The haughtiness of Mary Lennox, previously dependent on her Indian servant, is captured as successfully as the Yorkshire motherliness of Dickon's mother. The gradual change in Mary from selfishness to sensitivity, as she is transformed through the magic of the garden and by Dickon's communion with animals, is conveyed through Gwen Watford's subtly changing tones. Her voice registers the sympathy as Mary's melting aloofness develops into concern for sickly Dickon. Another story which benefits from abridgement.

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