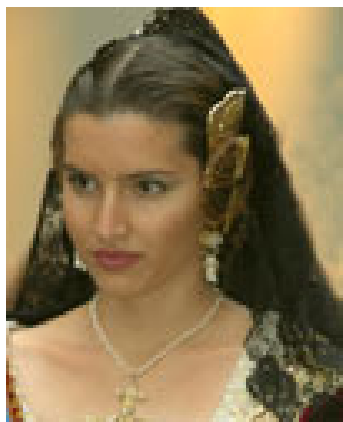


**MANUEL DE FALLA** (1876-1946)**Canción - Song**

Manuel de Falla(1876 - 1946) studied music mainly in Madrid and Paris, but he was brought up in Andalusia where from an early age he heard folk song and true flamenco. He was a modest, religious and very meticulous man and overall composed fewer works than many other composers. Such was his search for perfection that later in his life he even tried to get some of his own early works banned from performance! We are lucky that he didn't succeed since some of these works like his "Seven Popular Spanish Songs" were his most Spanish and most exciting compositions.

Canción or "Song" is one of these seven which were completed just as World War One or "The Great War" was enveloping Europe. In fact he fled Paris to return to Madrid where they were completed. The songs are based on traditional poems and tunes and he asks the singer to observe lots of detail in this short song which is very typically Spanish in the way it has a little "message" to the listener - "You DID love me - so why not NOW for goodness sake!

*Por traidores, tus ojos,  
voy a enterrarlos;  
No sabes lo que cuesta,  
»Del aire«  
Niña, el mirarlos.  
»Madre a la orilla  
Madre«*

*Dicen que no me quieres,  
Y a me has querido...  
Váyase lo ganado,  
»Del aire«  
Por lo perdido,  
»Madre a la orilla  
Madre«*

*Folksong*