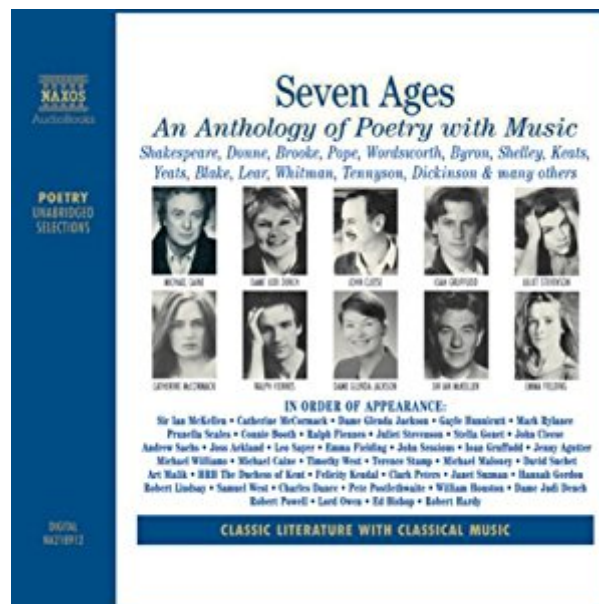


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# Seven Ages: An Anthology Of Poetry With Music



## Synopsis

This highly entertaining anthology of verse is the comic, tragic, tender, and telling story of life's seven ages, from childhood to old age. Within the framework of Shakespeare's speech, "The Seven Ages of Man," performed by Sir Ian McKellen, are 150 great poems from all ages, from Chaucer to Emily Dickinson to Walt Whitman and many others. The poems are presented by the finest cast ever assembled on one recording and includes Ralph Fiennes, Dame Judi Dench, John Cleese, Michael Caine, and more.

## Book Information

Audible Audio Edition

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## Customer Reviews

Based on Lord David Owen's book *Seven Ages: Poetry for a Lifetime*, this Naxos audiobook edition of *Seven Ages: An Anthology Of Poetry With Music* features outstanding and memorable dramatic readings by forty British actors ranging from Michael Caine and Judi Dench to John Cleese and Glenda Jackson. The poetry is drawn from the works of William Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, Ted Hughes, Dylan Thomas, Oscar Wilde, Rudyard Kipling, W.B. Yeats, Percy Bysshe Shelley, A.E. Housman, Robert Burns, D.H. Lawrence, John Keats, Seamus Heaney, Wilfred Owen, Matthew Arnold, John Donne, Walt Whitman, Rabindranath Tagore, William Blake, William Wordsworth, Ogden Nash, Christina Rossetti, and many others. Total Running Time: 2 hours, 30 minutes.

arrived in good shape, "plays well, no scratches "

I have been playing these 2 cd's over and over in my car. What's not to love about hearing the best of the best British voices reciting excellent poetry? "Flanders' Field", very moving. "The Bleedin'

Sparrow" read by Michael Caine, laugh-out-loud funny. If you're a fan of Wilfred Owen poetry, you will not be disappointed. Trained voices, such as theirs, open up the beauty of each poem ten-fold. I was hoping for a musical backdrop to the recitations, but the music only plays for a few moments at the beginning and end of each cd. A shame, because listening to the musical backdrop while Ben Whishaw, as he recited Keats in the movie "Bright Star", added a new dimension to those poems. P.S. If you do love the poetry of Wilfred Owen, I recommend listening to Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem", as much of the text sung by the English-born tenor, is Owen.

Product was as advertised. Worked well with the seller. Would recommend to others.

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Very interesting approach to the famous Shakespeare passage. The poetry and readers are excellent.

There should be more CDs like this. Poetry needs to be read aloud to fully understand.

Choice of poems, actors (especially Cath. MacCormack). I gave it to someone who has an hour fairly traffic-free commute time and a broad appreciation of all types of music including poetry reading.

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