



## ■ **Verismo**

**Renee Fleming, soprano**  
Decca

It's unlikely that the celebrated American soprano will sing any of these arias on the operatic stage, so savor what's here. Fleming pours her inimitable blend of expressive acuity and tonal radiance into selections by Puccini, Leoncavallo, Mascagni and others who specialized in the dramatic genre known as "verismo." With conductor Marco Armiliato and Milan colleagues providing vivid assistance, Fleming soars and pierces the heart. **Grade: A — D.R.**

