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This is listed as Volume 3, but we are not sure what happened to Volume 2. Volume Record Guide 1 was Peer Gynt and such, and we reviewed it very enthusiastically (Sept/Oct 2011).

I am less enthusiastic about this installment. After all, Beecham recorded the Old Norwegian Romance and In Autumn and it's hard to beat Beecham at anything or even match him. And Arthur Fiedler did a glorious recording of the Lyric Suite that makes this one sound earnest and plodding.

Well, one may feel that this young conductor takes the music more seriously. It's heritage to him, after all. But heaviness and ploddingness (is that a word?) are the result. The sound is, as usual with Audite and this orchestra, quite beautiful. But sweetness and flow seem in small supply.