

Benjamin Britten's

# The Turn of the Screw



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The composer Benjamin Britten

## OPERA RESOURCES

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## AUDIO AND VIDEO

- YouTube: [Film version of \*The Turn of the Screw\* \(1982\)](#), set to a full recording of the opera
- YouTube: [The Turn of the Screw clips](#)
- YouTube: ["O Waly, Waly"](#), performed by Britten and his life partner Peter Pears
- YouTube: ["Batter my heart"](#), from Britten's *The Holy Sonnets of John Donne* for tenor
- YouTube: [Jon Vickers in \*Peter Grimes\*](#), one of Britten's large scale operas
- Audio: [Britten on composition](#)
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## POPERA CONNECTIONS

- Movie: [The Innocents](#) (1961)
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- Drama: [The Habit of Art](#) (2009), a new play about Benjamin Britten and W.H. Auden



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