

Brief description of *Goethe-Lieder* release

Goethe-Lieder is the premiere recording of a three-song set by Billboard-charting composer Rodrigo Ruiz. These settings of poems by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe—‘Selige Sehnsucht’, ‘Meine Göttin’, and ‘Gegenwart’—trace a subtle emotional arc from the fragility of human longing, through the hope of spiritual transformation, into the radiant light of love’s presence.

Nigerian-American soprano Francesca Chiejina and British pianist Jocelyn Freeman bring the cycle to life with luminous clarity and expressive depth, their interpretation marked by sensitivity and restraint. Released in 2025, the album offers a quiet nod to the 250th anniversary of Goethe’s arrival in Weimar, while inviting today’s listeners to inhabit these texts anew.