

## LEWIS SPRATLAN

APOLLO AND DAPHNE VARIATIONS [1035]

A SUMMER'S DAY

CONCERTO FOR SAXOPHONE AND ORCHESTRA

Eliot Gattegno, soprano and tenor saxophones

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