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Page from 1904 Pathé catalogue with Garden as Mélisande (BL collections) By Jonathan Summers, Curator of Classical Music Soprano Mary Garden was born in Aberdeen in 1874. Her mother was only fourteen years of age when Mary, one of four daughters, was born. The family went to America when Mary...

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