



Ealing Symphony Orchestra

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Saturday, 9 December 2023 · 5.30pm
Ealing Green Church, W5 5QT

Christmas Concert

ESO **A Carol Symphony** (Victor Hely-Hutchinson [1901–1947])

I. *Adeste fideles*

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

All God of God, Light of Light,
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created;

O come...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come...

Choir **O Radiant Dawn** (James MacMillan [1959–])

Choir
ESO **Magnificat** (Johann Sebastian Bach [1685–1750])

While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the
ground,
the Angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he, (for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind)
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.'

All 'To you in David's town this day is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

'The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.'

Thus spoke the Seraph; and forthwith appeared a shining throng
of Angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace,
goodwill henceforth from heaven to all begin and never cease.'

ESO **Hansel and Gretel** (Engelbert Humperdinck [1854–1921])

Prelude

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child;
holy infant, so tender and mild:
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

All Silent night, holy night.
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour is born,
Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiance beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Choir **In dulci jubilo** (Old German Tune arr. R.L. Pearsall)

ESO **English Folk Song Tunes** (Ralph Vaughan Williams [1872–1958])

1. March: "Seventeen Come Sunday"
2. Intermezzo: "My Bonny Boy"
3. March: "Folk Songs from Somerset"

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet, in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

All

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

ESO ***The Parade of the Tin Soldiers*** (Leon Jessel [1871–1942])

Choir ***Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*** (H. Martin arr. M. Ijames)

Choir ***Santa Baby*** (J. Javits, P. & T. Springer arr. R. Allain)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

All

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”.

Hail the heaven-born Princ of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”.



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