
SURBITON ORATORIO SOCIETY

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Christmas Music

Saturday, 10th December, 1955

SURBITON COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

DELIA WOOLFORD

Contralto

GADFAN MORRIS

Narrator

MARGARET BURGESS

Accompanist

Conductor:

JOHN WILKINSON

PROGRAMME

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SIXPENCE

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CAROL FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

“O come, all ye faithful” *Anon., 18th Century*

O come all ye faithful, Joyful and Triumphant, Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem: Born, to redeem us, Behold the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.	Sing, Choir Angelic Sing ye Hallelujah Sing, ye that stand around the heavenly throne: “Glory to God All Glory in the Highest”: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
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True God of true God,
 Light of Light Eternal,
 Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 Son of the Father,
 Begotten, not created;
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the
 Lord.

Hail, Lord Incarnate,
 Born for us this morning;
 Jesu, to Thee be praise and glory given:
 Lord of the Father,
 Now in flesh appearing,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the
 Lord. —*F. Oakley.*

CAROLS

- “Ding Dong! merrily on high” *arr. Charles Wood*
- “The Infant King” *from an old Basque Noel, arr. Edgar Pettman*
- A Carol of Adoration *Edgar Pettman*

SOLOS

- “O Thou that tellest” (“Messiah”) *Handel*
 - “Prepare thyself Zion” (Christmas Oratorio) *Bach*
 - “Hark! How all things in one sound rejoice” *Purcell*
- Accompanist: JOHN WILKINSON*

PROSE READING Conversation about Christmas *Dylan Thomas*

CAROLS

- “A Virgin most pure” *Traditional, arr. Charles Wood*
- “The Holly and the Ivy”
Gloucestershire Folk-Song Carol, arr. Reginald Jacques

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

“See amid the winter's snow” *Goss*

1 See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years. Chorus: Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, Redemption's happy dawn! Sing thro' all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.	3 “As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light; Angels singing peace on earth, Told us of a Saviour's birth.”
2 Lo, within a manger lies He Who built the starry skies; He, Who throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim!	4 Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, By Thy face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble Thee, In Thy sweet humility.

—*E. Casewell.*

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

“Good King Wenceslas” *Trad.*

All voices:
 Good King Wenceslas looked out,
 On the Feast of Stephen,
 When the snow lay round about,
 Deep, and crisp, and even:
 Brightly shone the moon that night,
 Though the frost was cruel,
 When a poor man came in sight,
 Gathering winter fuel.

Male voices:
 ‘Hither, page, and stand by me,
 If thou know'st it, telling,
 Yonder peasant, who is he?
 Where and what his dwelling?’

Female voices:
 ‘Sire, he lives a good league hence,
 Underneath the mountain,
 Right against the forest fence,
 By Saint Agnes' fountain.’

Male voices:
 ‘Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
 Bring me pine-logs hither:
 Thou and I will see him dine,
 When we bear them thither.’

All voices:
 Page and monarch, forth they went,
 Forth they went together;
 Through the rude wind's wild lament
 And the bitter weather.

Female voices:
 ‘Sire, the night is darker now,
 And the wind blows stronger;
 Fails my heart, I know not how;
 I can go no longer.’

Male voices:
 ‘Mark my footsteps, good my page;
 Tread thou in them boldly:
 Thou shalt find the winter's rage
 Freeze thy blood less coldly.’

All voices:
 In his master's steps he trod,
 Where the snow lay dinted;
 Heat was in the very sod
 Which the Saint had printed.
 Therefore, Christian men be sure,
 Wealth or rank possessing,
 Ye who now will bless the poor,
 Shall yourselves find blessing.
 —*J. M. Neale.*

POEMS

1. “A Meditation for Christmas” *Selwyn Image*
2. “Gifts” *James Thomson*
3. A passage from “Wind, Sand, and Stars”
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
4. “A Christmas Carol” *G. K. Chesterton*
5. A Ballad: “King John and the Abbot of Canterbury” *Trad.*

CAROLS

- “Gabriel's Message” *Old Basque Carol, arr. Edgar Pettman*
- “Balulalow” *Peter Warlock*
Soprano: BERYL WADDINGTON

SOLOS

- “As Joseph was a-walking” *Thiman*
- “The Birds” *Thiman*
- “A Slumber Song of the Madonna” *Head*

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"Once in Royal David's City" H. P. Gauntlett

Solo:

Once in Royal David's city,
Stood a lonely cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed,
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all;
And his shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lovely mother
In whose gentle arms He lay.
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

For He is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

—Cecil Francis Alexander

CAROLS

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" arr. Leon Young

A New Year Carol Herbert Howells

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"While Shepherds watch'd" *Esté's Psalter*, arr. Geoffrey Shaw

While shepherds watch'd their flocks
by night,
All seated on the ground,
An 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.

"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 display'd,
All meanly wrapp'd in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the sereph; and forthwith
Appear'd a shining throng
Of Angels, praising God, who thus
Address'd their joyful song:

All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease.

—Nahum Tate.

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NEXT CONCERT

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