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Christmas Music

Thursday, 6th December, 1956

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Narrator

JOHN WILKINSON

LAYTON RING

Piano

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PROGRAMME

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SIXPENCE

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

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

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| 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: Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. |
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—F. Oakley.

CAROLS

Fanfare for Christmas Day *Martin Shaw*
"Gabriel's Message" *Old Basque Carol, arr. Edgar Pettman*

PROSE

"Silent Morning." A short story *Anon.*

CAROLS

"Christmas Song" *Michael Praetorius*
"Past three a clock, and a cold frosty morning" *arr. Charles Wood*

PIANO SOLOS

Prelude, Op. 32, No. 12, G Minor *Rachmaninoff*
Novellette in C Major *Poulenc*
Valse Oubliée *Liszt*

JOHN WILKINSON

CAROLS

"Coventry Carol" *Tune 1591*
"Up! Good Christen folk, and listen" *arr. G. R. Woodward*

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"See amid the winter's snow" *Goss*

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| 1 See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years. <i>Chorus:</i> Hail, thou ever blessèd 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

— INTERVAL —

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

"Good King Wenceslas" *Trad.*

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| <i>All voices:</i> 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. | <i>All voices:</i> Page and monarch, forth they went, Forth they went together; Through the rude wind's wild lament And the bitter weather. |
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| <i>Male voices:</i> 'Hither, page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it, telling, Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?' | <i>Female voices:</i> 'Sire, the night is darker now, And the wind blows stronger; Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.' |
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| <i>Female voices:</i> 'Sire, he lives a good league hence, Underneath the mountain, Right against the forest fence, By Saint Agnes' fountain.' | <i>Male voices:</i> 'Mark my footsteps, good my page; Tread thou in them boldly: Thou shalt find the winter's rage Freeze thy blood less coldly.' |
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| <i>Male voices:</i> 'Bring me flesh and bring me wine, Bring me pine-logs hither: Thou and I will see him dine, When we bear them thither.' | <i>All voices:</i> 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. |
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—J. M. Neale.

CAROLS

"Christmas is coming" *Old rhyme, arr. Walford Davies*
"Welcome Yule" *C. Hubert H. Parry*

POEMS

"The Second Coming" *W. B. Yeats*
"On Food" *Hilaire Belloc*
"Christmas Eve" *Karel Capek*
"The Party Next Door" *Ogden Nash*

PIANO DUETS

Rondo from Sonata No. 3 in F *J. C. Bach*
Waltzes *Brahms*
Jamaican Rumba *Benjamin*

JOHN WILKINSON

LAYTON RING

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

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

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| <i>Solo:</i> 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. | 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 feelth for our sadness, And He shareth in our gladness. |
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| 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 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. |
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| 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. | 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. |
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—Charles Francis Alexander

CAROLS

“The Holly and the Ivy” *Traditional, arr. Walford Davies*
“Silent Night” *arr. Malcolm Sargent*

CAROL FOR CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

“Hark! the herald Angels sing” *Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)*

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Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! the herald Angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince 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,
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—*C. Wesley.*

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