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A MERIDIAN CHRISTMAS

1	Ding Dong! Merrily On High	Traditional, arr. Carolyn Jennings	[2.17]
2	A Great and Mighty Wonder	Michael Praetorius, arr. Erling Pederson	[3.18]
3	E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come	Paul Manz	[2.33]
4	All Through the Night	Traditional, arr. Ben Parry	[3.45]
5	The Holly and The Ivy	Traditional, arr. Ola Gjeilo	[3.43]
Total timings:			[15.38]

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Following their debut EP *Serenity*, Meridian and Irene Messoloras return to Signum Classics with their first holiday release—*A Meridian Christmas*. Recorded at All Hallows Gospel Oak, London, this enchanting Christmas collection captures the spirit of the season with warmth, clarity, and elegance.

Shaped by Meridian's signature blend, the album offers a soundscape of carols and seasonal works that is both intimate and classic. From Ben Parry's tender *All Through the Night* to Carol Jennings's cheerful *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* and Ola Gjeilo's festive *The Holly and the Ivy*, each piece captures a distinctive mood of the season. The program further features Paul Manz's *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*, offering a moment of quiet yearning and hope, and *A Great and Mighty Wonder* arranged by Erling Pederson, resounding in radiant proclamation.

Together, these works trace the season's arc—from quiet reflection to joyful celebration.

1 Ding Dong! Merrily On High
Traditional, arr. Carolyn Jennings

Ding dong, merrily on high!
In heav'n the bells are ringing,
Ding dong, verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io,
by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May ye beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

2 A Great and Mighty Wonder
by Michael Praetorius, arr. Erling Pederson

A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the infant
With virgin-honour pure.

Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men!'

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high!
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.
Repeat the hymn again!

'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men!'
And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield his sceptre,
Our Lord and God for ay.

Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men!'

3 E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
by Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sin
Who loved us all, and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord
The Lord almighty God
Who was and is, and is to come
Sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven,
all ye that dwell there in
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below

For Christ is coming, Is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

4 All Through the Night
Traditional, arr. Ben Parry

All through the night, All through the night,
Deep the silence 'round us spreading
All through the night.

Dark the path that we are treading
All through the night.

Still the coming day discerning,
By the hope within us burning.
To the dawn our footsteps turning
All through the night.

Star of faith the dark adorning
All through the night.
Leads us fearless t'wards the morning
All through the night.

Though our hearts be wrapped in sorrow,
From the hope of dawn, we borrow
Promise of a glad tomorrow
All through the night.

Every star in heaven is singing
All through the night.
Hear the glorious music ringing
All through the night.
Songs of sweet ethereal lightness
Wrought in realms of peace and whiteness;
See, the dark gives way to brightness
All through the night.

5 **The Holly & The Ivy**
(Traditional) arr. Ola Gjeilo

The holly and the ivy
When they are both full grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears a crown

O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly bears a blossom
As white as the lily flower
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour

O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to do poor sinners good

The rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour

O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly bears a bark
As bitter as any gall
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn

O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly and the ivy
When they are both full well grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown

O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

CHOIR:

Soprano

Eleonore Cockerham
Eloise Irving
Hilary Cronin
Midge Parry
Katie Trethewey

Alto

Luthien Brackett
Hannah Cooke
Martha McLorinan²
Lily Robson

Tenor

Monty Charles
Oscar Golden Lee
Stephen Harrold
Toby Ward

Bass

Dominic Felts
Will Gaunt
Tom Herring
Frederick Long⁴
Tom Lowen

MERIDIAN

Meridian is a London-based professional chamber choir founded and directed by Irene Messoloras. With a sound defined by clarity, balance, and expressive depth, the ensemble brings together early and contemporary repertoire to create a richly contemplative musical experience.

Meridian's members are drawn from outstanding ensemble backgrounds such as Tenebrae, the Monteverdi Choir, and The Sixteen. This combination weaves together a broad variety of choral experience, giving the choir an exceptional range of vocal power and color. meridianchoir.com

IRENE MESSOLORAS

Irene Messoloras is an award-winning conductor dedicated to inspiring musicians and audiences through excellence in choral performance. Based in Southern California, she leads professional, university, and community ensembles on renowned stages worldwide. irenemessoloras.com



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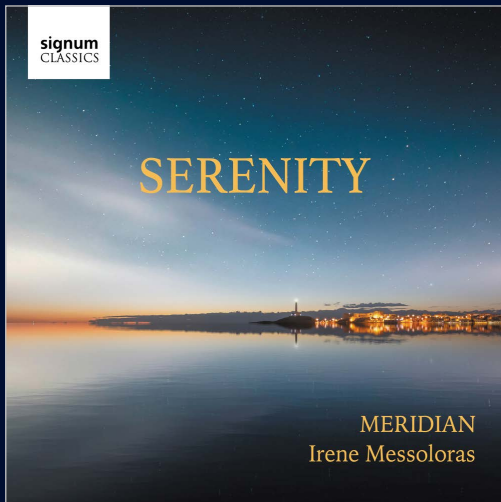
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