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Contemporary Carols Volume 2

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For this, its second recording music for Advent and Christmas on the Resonus Classics label, the choir of Worcester College has again devised a wide-ranging programme, once again including a number of world premiere recordings. Several composers featured have continuing close connections with the choral tradition, with some (Herbert Howells and Lennox Berkeley, for example) firmly established as central figures within it. Others included have more sporadic contact with the world of church and cathedral music, making fascinating and though-provoking contributions to the repertoire from a different perspective.

Unusually for a work by Herbert Howells (1892-1983), who is established as a major figure in twentieth-century British music, his setting of **O Mortal Man** (to a melody known as 'The Sussex Mummers' Carol') remained unperformed until 1994, when it was premiered by the choir of St Paul's Cathedral under the direction of John Scott. The two manuscripts of the piece, discovered in the library of the Royal College of Music where Howells was a student and later a teacher, are undated: but certain stylistic features suggest it is an early work. The two texted verses, which invite the listener to contemplate aspects of the Passion, as well as the Nativity, of Christ, are separated by a wordless *a cappella* harmonisation of the melody.

Complexity of texture and rhythm is often an element in the music of Michael Finnissy (b. 1946). Professor of Composition at Southampton University since 1999. However, the Seven Sacred Motets (1993) show him pursuing a more ascetic approach. No more than four vocal parts are required. while rhythmic intricacies are confined to passages recalling the monodies of Hildegard of Bingen: indeed, references to medieval compositional techniques may be found throughout the motets. Ave regina coelorum, a setting of an eleventh-century troped Marian antiphon, is the fifth piece in the set, and the simplest; it contrasts passages of quasi-plainsong for full unison choir with rapturous cantillations for solo soprano.

Knowledge of the requirements and capabilities of amateur musicians – perhaps grounded in his experience of working as an assistant to Benjamin Britten – informs Colin Matthews' (b. 1946) setting of a text by Sara Teasdale. The Angels' Carol. Matthews' work has been performed internationally, but in this miniature for a local amateur choir he shows himself to be equally attuned to the world of recreational musicmaking. The carol is in simple AABB form, and maintains a gentle ostinato rhythm until its conclusion, when a pleasingly rhetorical interruption heralds the final cadence. Jamie W Hall's setting of a Middle English poem. As I lay upon a night, was likewise composed for amateur singers. Recitative-like verses for soprano and tenor are interspersed with choral passages which respond flexibly to the rhythms of the text and make telling use of changes in dynamic and texture.

With works by Philip Moore (b. 1943), Richard Lloyd (b. 1933) and Grayston Ives (b. 1948), the programme engages with the world of Anglican cathedral and collegiate choirs. Moore held posts at Canterbury and Guildford Cathedrals before moving to York Minster in 1983. His setting of words from the Exeter Book (1072), **Lo, that is a marvellous change**, was composed for the Songmen of the Minster to perform on Christmas Eve, and later arranged for mixed voices at the request of Stephen Farr; the latter version is recorded here. Sonorous homophonic textures and sensitivity to verbal rhythm lend the piece a hypnotic effect appropriate to the mystical guality of the text. Two other distinguished figures from the English tradition - Richard Lloyd and Grayston Ives contribute works for Advent. The spaces of Durham Cathedral, where Lloyd was Master of the Choristers, are evoked in his setting of the Advent Prose in Drop down, ye heavens; a solo soprano, singing as from afar, floats a refrain between increasingly imploring choral interiections. Ives' This is the record of John also explores the potential of antiphony, but to more dramatic effect: tenors and basses intone the narrative portions of the text, interrupted by urgent turba-like outbursts from the full choir. The piece closes in reflective mood, with an extended passage for the full choir. supported for the first time by sustained organ harmony.

Oxford – where Ives (following a successful career as a singer) held the post of Informator Choristarum at Magdalen College – was the birthplace of Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989), who was an undergraduate at Merton College. After studying with Nadia Boulanger, he was taught by Ravel, becoming acquainted with many of the great figures of French music. In **Sweet was the song**, which sets a text from the seventeenth-century Lute-Book of William Ballet, Berkeley displays all the technical finesse found in the music of his distinguished teachers. The use of the organ – sometimes supporting, sometimes elaborating, or commenting on, the choral texture – is especially noteworthy. Similarly elegant economy of means is found in Francis Pott's (b. 1957) setting of the same text, Lute-Book Lullaby, composed for the Oxford chamber choir Commotio and its conductor Matthew Berry. Writing here for a cappella voices, and within a restrained dynamic range, Pott displays a faultless instinct for choral texture and command of contrapuntal line in an idiom which combines a highly personal harmonic language with a sophisticated awareness of the past.

Richard Rodney Bennett (1936-2012) - a pupil of Lennox Berkeley at the Royal Academy of Music – was one of the most versatile British composers of recent times, contributing works to concert hall, film, and television: he was also active as a jazz performer and composer. He wrote with equal assurance in a range of idioms – including serial and avant-garde – but the three carols included here show his mastery of tonal idioms. The earliest is Nowell, nowell, tidings true (The Salutation Carol). which dates from the 1960s; it contrasts free solo verses with a strictly metrical choral refrain which recurs in varied scorings.

Puer Nobis and I Saw Three Ships are later works, dating from Bennett's final period of compositional activity; their fluidity belies his complete mastery of word-setting and apposite musical gesture.

Cathedral music-making was an early formative influence on Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962), a chorister at Canterbury before studying at the Royal College of Music; he is now one of the most active and successful of British contemporary composers. Among his many commissions is Nowell sing we written for the choir of Truro Cathedral and their then director Robert Sharpe: it was first performed in December 2006. The verses of the medieval text (in English and Latin) are shared between upper and lower voices, with a rhythmic refrain for full choir which makes striking use of metrical changes to create a sense of restless energy and momentum. John Scott (b. 1956), in his vigorous setting of the medieval Annunciation text Nova! nova! follows a similar structural approach, but uses two refrains of contrasted character to separate the verses, which employ a greater variety of scorings.

Each year during his appointment as Master of the Queen's Music from 2004, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies (b. 1934) composed a carol as a gift to the monarch; with Maxwell Davies' retirement from the position in 2014 it is fitting that one of these works should be included here. In **Kings and Shepherds** The warmth of D flat major and a lilting 6/8 rhythm lend the text (by the great Orcadian poet George Mackay Brown) an appropriately pastoral – even nostalgic – glow.

Serial techniques are, unusually, the basis of Giles Swayne's (b. 1946) setting of **O Magnum Mysterium**, for upper voices and organ. It was composed for the choir of Westminster Under School after a period in which Swayne had explored alternative methods of musical expression (in his own words, a process of 'tonal purification'). The 11-note series on which the work is based is heard in its entirety twice: in the minimal organ part (which is directed to be played *staccatissimo*) and in the choral 'Alleluia' which precedes the final bars of the work.

The music of Hafliði Hallgrímsson (b. 1941) has been described as 'eerie and paradoxical', and paradox certainly seems to be a central aspect of his setting of an ostensibly celebratory medieval text, **Christ was born on Christmas Day**.

The vigorous opening, with its fanfare-like quality, is succeeded by a more reflective – even ambiguous – minor key verse, whose march-like tread neutralises the outburst of the opening bars. As the piece progresses, fanfare and march compete, and although the final bars recall the opening moments, the feeling prevails that in this carol joy is not, for some reason, unconfined.

Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986), of the several Oxford composers included here, has the closest connection with Worcester College; he was a Fellow at the college for two decaades, and lectured in the newlyformed Faculty of Music. **The Virgin's Cradle Hymn** (Dormi Jesu) is an exquisite miniature in the simplest possible strophic form, whose Latin text (a song of the Virgin to the infant Jesus) Rubbra paraphrased from a print in a German village. Its fluid lines and modest vocal tessitura create an entirely apposite mood of call m reflection.

Regular collaborations with rock and pop artists have been a feature of American composer Nico Muhly's (b. 1981) musical activity; but in the **O Antiphon Preludes** for organ solo which are interspersed throughout the disc he turns his attention to a more ancient form of musical expression. The piece was written for the English organist James McVinnie, who gave its first performance in Westminster Abbey in December 2010. The plainsong melodies of the Antiphons, which are sung in the days immediately before Christmas, are sometimes quoted directly, but elsewhere appear in fragmentary and inflected form.

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Texts

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962) 1. Nowell sing we

Nowell sing we now all and some, For Rex pacificus is come.

In Bethlem in that fair city, A child was born of a maiden free, That shall a lord and princë be, A solis ortus cardine

Nowell sing we...

Children were slain full great plenty, Jesu for the love of thee; Wherefore their soulës savëd be, Hostis Herodis impie.

Nowell sing we...

As sunnë shiineth through the glass, So Jesu in his mother was; Thee to servë now grant us grace, O lux beata Trinitas.

Nowell sing we...

Now God is comën to worshipën us; Now of Mary is born Jesus; Make we merry amongës us; Exultet celum laudibus.

Nowell sing we...

Anon. English text, fifteenth century

Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986) 2. **The Virgin's Cradle Hymn**

Dormi, Jesu! Mater ridet Quaetam dulcem somnum videt, Dormi, Jesu! Blandule.

Si non dormis, mater plorat Inter fila cantans orat, Blande, veni, somnule.

Sleep, sweet babe! my cares beguiling: Mother sits beside thee smiling; Sleep my darling, tenderly!

If thou sleep not, mother mourneth, Singing as her wheel she turneth: Come soft slumber, balmily!

From a collection of prints and verse by Hieronymous Wierix (1553-1619). Parapharased, with English version, by Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)

Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989) 3. Sweet was the song

Sweet was the song the Virgin sang, When she to Bethlehem Judah came And was delivered of a son, That Blessed Jesu hath to name. Lula, lullaby sweet babe sang she, My son and eke a Saviour born, Who hath vouchsafed from on high To succour us that were forlorn.

Lalula, lalullaby Sweet babe sang she And rocked him sweetly on her knee.

From the seventeenth century Lute-Book of William Ballet

Richard Rodney Bennett (1936-2012) 5. **Puer Nobis**

Given, not lent, And not withdrawn – once sent, This Infant of mankind, this One Is still the little welcome Son.

New every year, New-born and newly dear, He comes with tidings and a song, The ages long, the ages long.

Even as the cold Keen winter grows not old, As childhood is so fresh, foreseen, And spring in the familiar green. Sudden as sweet Come the expected feet, All joy is young and new all art, And He too, whom we have by heart.

Alice Meynell (1847-1922)

John Scott (b. 1956) 6. Nova! nova!

Nova! nova! 'Ave' fit ex 'Eva'

Gabriel of high degree, He came down from Trinity to Nazareth in Galilee

Nova!...

He met a maiden in a place, He kneeled down afore her face. He said 'Hail, Mary, full of grace!'

Nova!...

When the maid heard tell of this She was full sore abashed lwys, And wened that she had done amiss.

Nova!...

Then said the angel: 'Dread not you, You shall conceive in all vertue A child whose name shall be Jesu'.

Nova!...



6. Nova! nova! (cont.)

'It is not yet six months agone Since Elizabeth conceived John, As it was prophesied ere long.'

Nova!...

Then said the maiden verily: 'I am your servant right truly. Ecce ancila Domini'.

Nova!...

Anon. fifteenth century (slightly modernised)

Colin Matthews (b. 1946) 8. The Angels' Carol

The kings they came from out the south, All dressed in ermine fine; They bore Him gold and chrysoprase, And gifts of precious wine.

The shepherds came from out the north, Their coats were brown and old; They brought Him little new-born lambs – They had not any gold.

The wise men came from out the east, And they were wrapped in white; The star that led them all the way Did glorify the night. The angels came from heaven high, And they were clad with wings; And lo, they brought a joyful song The host of heaven sings.

The kings they knocked upon the door, The wise men entered in, The shepherds followed after them To hear the song begin.

The angels sang through all the night Until the rising sun, But little Jesus fell asleep Before the song was done.

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) 9. O mortal man (Sussex Mummers' Carol)

O mortal man, remember well When Christ our Lord was born, He was crucified between two thieves, And crownéd with the thorn.

God Bless the master of this house, With happiness beside; Where e'er his body rides or walks, Lord Jesus be his guide.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Anon. Traditional

Peter Maxwell Davies (b. 1934) 11. Kings and Shepherds

Text by George Mackay Brown (1921-1996)

Philip Moore (b. 1943) 12. Lo, that is a marvellous change

Lo! that is a marvellous change in the life of men. Since the mild creator of all mankind From the virgin received flesh undefiled. Never had she known the love of man. Nor came the Saviour by any seed of seed on earth, That was greater marvel than men my know in its mystery. How the splendour of heaven, high Lord of the skies Gave help to man Through his mother's womb.

Exeter Book (1072) Tr. C. Kennedy

Giles Swayne (b. 1946) 13. **O magnum mysterium**

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum Alleluia!

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord Alleluia! Hafliði Hallgrímsson (b. 1941) 15. Christ was born on Christmas Day

Christus natus hodie.

Christ was born on Christmas Day; Wreathe the holly, twine the bay; The Babe, the Son, the Holy One of Mary.

Ex Maria Virgine.

He is born to set us free, He is born our Lord to be, The God, the Lord, by all adored forever.

Christus natus hodie.

Let the bright red berries glow; Everywhere in goodly show. The Babe, the Son, the Holy One of Mary.

From the Sloane MS. (1396)

Richard Rodney Bennett 16. I Saw Three Ships

As I sat under a sycamore tree – A sycamore tree, a sycamore tree, I lookèd out upon the sea On Christ's Sunday at morn.

I saw three ships a-sailing there, – A-sailing there, a-sailing there, Jesus, Mary and Joseph they bare, On Christ's Sunday at morn. Joseph did whistle and Mary did sing. – Mary did sing, Mary did sing, And all the bells on earth did ring For joy our Lord was born.

O they sail'd in to Bethlehem! – To Bethlehem, to Bethlehem; Saint Michael was the steresman. Saint John sat in the horn.

And all the bells on earth did ring – On earth did ring, on earth did ring; 'Welcome be thou Heaven's King, On Christ's Sunday at morn.

Anon.

Francis Pott (b. 1957) 17. Lute-Book Lullaby

Sweet was the song the virgin sang, When she to Bethlem Juda came And was deliver'd of a son, That blessed Jesus hath to name.

'Lullaby, lalula, lullaby. Sweet babe' sang she, 'my son And eke a saviour born, Who hast vouchsafed from on high To visit us that were forlorn. Lullaby, lalula, lullaby. Sweet babe', sang she, And rock'd him sweetly on her knee.

From the seventeenth-century Lute-Book of William Ballet

Grayston Ives (b. 1948) 19. This is the record of John

This is the record of John. when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him. 'Who art thou?' And he confessed and denied not; And said plainly. 'I am not the Christ'. And they asked him, 'What art thou then? art thou Flias?' And he said. 'Lam not' And they asked him, 'Art thou the prophet?' And he answered, 'No'. Then said they unto him, 'What art thou, that we may give an answer unto them that sent us? What says't thou of thyself?' And he said. 'I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord'.

John 1:19

Richard Lloyd (b. 1933) 20. **Drop down, ye heavens**

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness: Let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a saviour.

Be not very angry, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity for ever: the holy cities are wliderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers prais'd thee.

Drop down...

We have sinn'd, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Drop down...

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Drop down...

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Drop down...

The Advent Prose

Michael Finnissy (b. 1946) 22. Ave regina coelorum

Ave, regina coelorum, mater regis angelorum. Funde, virgo ter beata funde

O Maria, flos virginum, velut rosa vel lilium, funde preces Filium pro salute fidelium

Ave, regina coelorum, mater regis angelorum, O Maria virginum, preces pro pregnantibus.

Hail, queen of heaven , Mother of the king of angels. Pour, pour thrice blessed virgin

O Mary, virgin flower , as the rose or lily , Pour prayers of the Son for salvation of the faithful



Ave regina coelorum (cont.)

Hail, queen of heaven , The mother of the king of angels , O Virgin Mary to pray for the child.

Richard Rodney Bennett 23. Nowell, nowell, tidings true (The Saultation Carol)

Nowell, nowell, nowell, this is the salutation of th'angel Gabriel.

Tidings true there be come new sent from the Trinity, by Gabriel to Nazareth, city of Galilee: a clean maiden and pure virgin through her humility hath conceived the person second in deity.

Nowell...

When he first presented was before her fair visage, in most demure and goodly wise, he did to her homage. and said; 'Lady from heav'n so high that Lordës heritage the which of thee would born be, I am sent on message.' 'Hail virgin celestial the meekest that ever was; Hail temple of deity and mirror of all grace; Hail virgin pure, I thee ensure, within full little space thou shalt receive and him conceive that shall bring great solace.'

Nowell...

Suddenly she, abashed truly but not all thing dismayed, with mind discreet and spirit meek, to the angel she said, 'With what manner should I child bear, the which ever a maid have lived chaste all my life and never man assayed?'

Nowell...

Then again to her the angel certain answeréd; 'O Lady dear be of good cheer, and dread thee ne'er a del; Thou shalt conceive in thy body very God himself In whose birth heav'n and earth shall joy, called Emmanuel.'

Nowell...

'Not yet six months past' he said, 'thy cousin Elizabeth, that barren was conceived Saint John true it is that I tell. Since she in age why not in youth mayst thou conceive as well, if God will whom is possible to do ev'rv del.'

Nowell...

Then again to the angel she answered womanly: 'What e'er my Lord command me do, I will obey meekly. 'Ecce sum humilimma ancilla Domini Secundum verbum tuum' she sai, 'fiat mih'.

Nowell...

Anon. fifteenth century

Jamie W. Hall 24. As I lay upon a night

As I lay upon a night, my thought was on a burd so bright that man clep'n Mary, full of might, Redemptoris mater. To her came Gabriel with light and said 'Hail be thou blissful wight, to be ben clep'd now art though dight' Redemptoris mater.

At that word that lady bright anon conceived God full of might; Then men wist well that she might. Redemptoris mater.

When Jesu on the rood was pight, Mary was doleful of that sight till she see him rise upright, Redemptoris mater.

Jesu that sittest in heaven light, Grant us to comen beforn thy sight, with burde that is so bright, Redemptoris mater.

Anon. Middle English poem

Nowell...



The Choir of Worcester College, Oxford

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The mixed choir sings a broad variety of music, from contemporary works by composers associated with the college to medieval English polyphony and a range of music in between. As well as making frequent recordings, the choir performs concerts in and outside of Oxford on a regular basis as well as undertaking foreign or home tours and making day trips to sing services in cathedrals throughout England.

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Stephen Farr is Director of Music at St Paul's Church Knightsbridge, a post which he combines with a busy career as soloist, continuo player, accompanist, and conductor. He was Organ Scholar of Clare College, Cambridge, graduating with a double first in Music and an MPhil in Musicology. He subsequently held appointments at Christ Church, Oxford and at Winchester and Guildford Cathedrals.

A former student of David Sanger and a prizewinning performer at international level, he has an established reputation as one of the leading recitalists of his generation, with a wide-ranging discography to his credit; recent discs for Resonus Classics of music by J.S. Bach. Judith Bingham, and Kenneth Leighton have received unanimous critical acclaim. He has appeared in the UK in venues including the Royal Albert Hall (where he gave the premiere of Judith Bingham's The Everlasting Crown in the BBC Proms 2011); Bridgewater Hall; Symphony Hall, Birmingham: Westminster Cathedral: King's College, Cambridge, St Paul's Celebrity Series and Westminster Abbey: he also appears frequently on BBC Radio 3 as both performer and presenter.

He has a particular commitment to

contemporary music, having just completed a PhD in this field, and has been involved in premieres of works by composers including Patrick Gowers, Judith Bingham, Francis Pott, Thomas Hyde, and Jonathan Harvey; he also collaborated with Thomas Adès in a recording of *Under Hamelin Hill*.

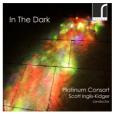
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