

THE ASSEMBLY HALL

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS
CHORAL SOCIETY

CAROLS

for

CHOIR & AUDIENCE

SUNDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1961

at 3 p.m.

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PROGRAMME AND WORDS

PRICE 6d.

WALTER NEAL & MARJORIE VINALL
(Pianofortes)

SAM PAKENHAM-WALSH
(Songs with Guitar)

Dr. HAROLD MAY
Conductor

PROGRAMME

1. CHOIR & AUDIENCE: "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

O COME, all ye faithful, *Anon, 15th Cent.*
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.

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore Him, &c.

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing with exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n above:
"Glory to God
In the highest";
O come, let us adore Him, &c.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesu, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

2. CHOIR:

(a) "PUER NOBIS" (Nativity)

Geoffrey Shaw

(b) "WHAT IS THIS SCENT?"

Trad., arr. Woodgate

3. CHOIR & AUDIENCE:

"ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY"

All

ONCE in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that Mother mild,
JESUS CHRIST her little Child.

Boys'

Voices only

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.

Girls'

Voices only

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

Boys' and

Girls'

Voices

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.

All

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

4. CHOIR:

(a) "SILENT NIGHT"

German trad.

arr. Malcolm Sargent

(b) "DING, DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH"

Trad. 1588

(c) "PAST 3 O'CLOCK"

Trad.

5. CHOIR & AUDIENCE :

"HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

Mendelssohn

All

HARK! the herald angels sing
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.

All

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored,
Christ the Everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

All

Hail, the heaven-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,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

6. SAM PAKENHAM-WALSH

16th Century American folk carols :

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| (a) "Wondrous Love" | } | from Kentucky |
| (b) "See Jesus the Saviour" | | and |
| (c) "Down in Yon Forest" | | North Carolina |

7. CHOIR :

- (a) "LUTE BOOK LULLABY" *trad.*
- (b) "OUR OLD SHEPHERD SMILES"
(from Shepherd's Christmas Songs) *Bartok-Arma*

8. WALTER NEAL and MARJORIE VINALL

- (a) "GIGUE IN C" *Bach, arr. Ross*
 (b) "NOEL" *Balfour Gardiner*
 (c) "ENTRY OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA" *Handel*
arr. Easdale

9. CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "GOOD KING WENCESLAS"

- All* **G**OOD King Wenceslas look'd 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,
 Gath'ring winter fuel.
- Men's* "Hither, page, and stand by me,
Voices If thou know'st it telling,
 Yonder peasant, who is he?
 Where and what his dwelling?"
- Women's* "Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Voices Underneath the mountain,
 Right against the forest fence,
 By Saint Agnes fountain."
- Men's* "Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Voices Bring me pine-logs hither;
 Thou and I will see him dine,
 When we bear them thither."
- All* Page and monarch forth they went,
 Forth they went together;
 Through the rude wind's wild lament
 And the bitter weather.
- Women's* "Sire, the night is darker now,
Voices And the wind blows stronger;
 Fails my heart, I know not how,
 I can go no longer."
- Men's* "Mark my footsteps good, my page,
Voices Tread thou in them boldly;
 Thou shalt find the winter's rage
 Freeze thy blood less coldly."

Music from the
Spring-tide Carol,
Tempus adest
floridum in 'Piae
Cantiones'
Words:
 J. M. Neale, 1818-66

All 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.

— — INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES — —

10. CHOIR & AUDIENCE :

“GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN”

(The audience is requested to join in the Chorus to each verse)

All GOD rest you merry, gentlemen, *Trad English*
 Let nothing you dismay,
 Remember Christ our Saviour
 Was born on Christmas Day,
 To save us all from Satan's power
 When we were gone astray:
 O tidings of comfort and joy,
 Comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.

Audience From God our heavenly Father,
 A blessèd Angel come,
 And unto certain shepherds
 Brought tidings of the same,
 How that in Bethlehem was born
 The Son of God by name:
 O tidings, &c.

All The shepherds at those tidings
 Rejoicèd much in mind,
 And left their flocks a-feeding,
 In tempest, storm and wind,
 And went to Bethlehem straightway,
 The Son of God to find.
 O tidings, &c.

Choir And when they came to Bethlehem
 Where our dear Saviour lay,
 They found him in a manger,
 Where oxen fed on hay;
 His mother Mary kneeling down,
 Unto the Lord did pray.
 O tidings, &c.

All in Now to the Lord sing praises,
Unison All you within this place,
Choir Descant And with true love and brotherhood
 Each other now embrace ;
 This holy tide of Christmas
 All others doth deface.
 O tidings, &c.

11. MALE VOICES OF THE CHOIR :

- (a) "SONG TO THE VIRGIN" *Leslie Woodgate*
 (b) "BOAR'S HEAD CAROL" *Trad.*

12. SAM PAKENHAM-WALSH

- (a) "I WASH MY FACE IN A GOLDEN VASE" } *American*
 (b) "NEVER WAS A CHILD SO LOVELY" } *folk songs*
 (c) "JESUS, JESUS, REST YOUR HEAD" } *from Kentucky*

13. CHOIR :

- (a) "SING ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS BORN" *Dretke*
 (b) "WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT" *Trad.*

14. CHOIR & AUDIENCE : "THE FIRST NOWELL"

(The Audience is requested to join in the Chorus to each verse, in Unison)

All THE first Nowell the angel did say
(Harmony Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
or Unison) In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep :

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel !

All They looked up, and saw a star
 Shining in the east, beyond them far ;
 And to the earth it gave great light,
 And so it continued both day and night :

Choir And by the light of that same star,
only Three Wise Men came from country far ;
 To seek for a king was their intent,
 And to follow the star wherever it went :

All This star drew nigh to the north-west ;
 O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
 And there it did both stop and stay
 Right over the place where Jesus lay :

All Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presènce
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

All Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

15. CHOIR:

- (a) "A MERRY CHRISTMAS" *Warrell*
(b) "ALLELUIA" *Mozart, arr. Woodgate*

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