

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

***CAROL CONCERT***

ASSEMBLY HALL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

SUNDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1986

at 3 pm

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THE MAYFIELD BAND - Conductor: Ken Rich

ALEXANDRA LEIGH

PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Accompanist: Wilmarc Ellman

CONDUCTOR: DEREK WATMOUGH

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The Choir rehearses on Monday evenings from September to April. New members are always welcome. There is a simple and private audition.

OVERTURE: THE MAYFIELD BAND

AUDIENCE AND CHOIR:

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" 68

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

Christ by highest Heaven adored  
Christ the Everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
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  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King

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

*Revised version*  
CHOIR: Birthday Carol

Words and Music  
David Willcocks 14

138 CHOIR: O Little Town of Bethlehem Walford  
Davies

Verse 3 - Choir and Audience:

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

157 CHOIR: <sup>Star Carol</sup> Star Carol Words and Music  
John Rutter

170 AUDIENCE AND CHOIR:

We three Kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain  
05 Moor and mountain  
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a king on Bethlehem plain  
Gold I bring, to crown him again  
King for ever ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, etc.

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a deity nigh  
Prayer and praising all men raising  
Worship him God most high.

O star of wonder, etc.

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

O star of wonder, etc.

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Glorious now behold him arise  
King and God and sacrifice  
Heav'n sings alleluya  
Alleluya the earth replies.  
O Star of wonder, etc.

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AUDIENCE AND CHOIR: Silent Night 168

Silent night holy night  
All is dark save the light  
Shining where the mother mild  
Watches over the holy child  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night  
Shepherds first saw the sight  
Heard the angel-song alleluia  
Loud proclaiming near and far  
Christ our Saviour is here  
Christ our Saviour is here

Silent night holy night  
God's own son O how bright  
Shines the love in thy holy face  
Shines the light of redemption and grace  
Christ th'incarnate God,  
Christ th'incarnate God

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THE MAYFIELD BAND

AUDIENCE AND CHOIR: Good King Wenceslas

ALL            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  
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

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

CHOIR: Cradle Song Words John Rutter 112  
Flemish carol arr. John Rutter  
Jesus Child Words and music John Rutter

AUDIENCE AND CHOIR: In the Bleak Midwinter 113

In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron  
Water like a stone  
Snow had fallen snow on snow,  
Snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter  
Long ago

Our God heav'n cannot hold him  
Nor earth sustain  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away  
When he comes to reign  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ

Enough for him whom cherubim  
Worship night and day  
A breastful of milk  
And a mangerful of hay  
Enough for him whom angels  
Fall down before  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore

Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air  
But only his mother  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the beloved  
With a kiss

What can I give him  
Poor as I am  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part  
Yet what I can I give him  
Give my heart

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CHOIR: "NAVIDAD NUESTRA" - Ariel Ramirez

A Spanish-American Carol about the  
Nativity  
Mime - children from Cranbrook Primary School

AUDIENCE AND CHOIR: Deck the Hall 104

Deck the hall with boughs of holly  
Fa la la la Fa la la la  
'Tis the season to be jolly  
Fa la, etc.  
Fill the mead cup drain the barrel  
Fa la, etc.  
Troll the ancient Christmas carol  
Fa la la la Fa la la la

See the flowing bowl before us ) Fa la la la  
Strike the harp and join the chorus )  
Follow me in merry measure ) Fa la la la  
While I sing of beauty's treasure )

Fast away the old year passes ) Fa la la la  
Hail the new ye lads and lasses )  
Laughing quaffing all together ) Fa la la la  
Heedless of the wind and weather )

CHOIR: HALLELUJAH CHORUS  
"The Messiah" - Handel

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AUDIENCE AND CHOIR: O Come All Ye Faithful 137

O come all ye faithful  
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,  
etc.

See how the shepherds  
Summoned to His cradle  
Leaving their flocks  
Draw nigh with lowly fear  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps  
O come let us adore him  
etc.

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens  
Of heaven above  
Glory to God  
In the highest  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
Christ the Lord

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\*THE MEMBERS OF THE CHORAL SOCIETY\*  
\*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND\*  
\*WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS\*  
\* AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR\*  
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