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FINZI: Intimations of Immortality

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Gerald Finzi made a significant contribution to British twentieth-century song and choral repertoire. His acute awareness of the frailty of existence had already found its musical expression in his settings of Thomas Hardy (Naxos 8.557644), before he began his *Intimations of Immortality* in the late 1930s. Set to nine of the eleven stanzas of Wordsworth's Ode *Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood*, Finzi's *Intimations* is a deeply touching lament for the passing of the instinctive, intuitive freshness of childhood. His *Ode for St Cecilia* is an exultant paean honouring music's patron saint.

Gerald
FINZI
(1901–1956)

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| 1-13 | Intimations of Immortality, Op. 29
Ode for tenor solo, chorus and orchestra | 38:58 |
| 14-18 | For St Cecilia, Op. 30
Ceremonial Ode | 16:37 |

James Gilchrist, Tenor
Bournemouth Symphony Chorus and Orchestra
David Hill

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