

This new sequence of Christmas carols was written in 2007 by the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy and composer Sasha Johnson Manning, and premièred in the same year. *The Manchester Carols* re-tell the Christmas Story for the 21st Century, celebrating a child's birth and all that child was to become: a man who lived by a humble, selfless creed, championing the marginalised in a society which was, as it is now, fraught with political tensions. These carols are for everybody, the believer and the non-believer, people of other faiths and everyone wishing to join in the Christmas celebrations.

## Carol Ann Duffy • Sasha Johnson Manning

# THE MANCHESTER ★ CAROLS ★

1 The Carol Singers' Carol	3:17	9 An Angel	4:15
2 Mirabile Dictu	3:20	10 New Boy Born	3:39
3 The Advent Carol	3:48	11 The Gold of Straw	3:53
4 Christmas Flowers	3:22	12 Mary's Carol	3:29
5 Annunciation	5:24	13 Each Child's Name	3:47
6 The Trees	5:44	14 Call it Nazareth	4:26
7 Let it be cold	3:02	15 We Believe	3:23
8 A Miracle	3:36	16 The Present Song	5:18

## The Manchester Carollers Northern Chamber Orchestra • Richard Tanner

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