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John TAVENER

(b. 1945)

Playing
Time
69:58

Song for Athene • Svyati and other choral works

Choir of St John's College, Cambridge • Christopher Robinson

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| 1 | God is with us: Christmas Proclamation | 5:22 |
| 2 | Song for Athene | 5:36 |
| 3 | The Lamb | 3:46 |
| 4 | The Tiger | 5:17 |
| 5-6 | Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis | 10:29 |
| 7 | Funeral Ikos | 7:11 |
| 8-9 | Two Hymns to the Mother of God | 6:22 |
| 10 | Love bade me welcome | 4:51 |
| 11 | As one who has slept | 4:17 |
| 12 | The Lord's Prayer | 3:29 |
| 13 | Svyati "O Holy One"
(with Tim Hugh, Cello) | 13:18 |

John Tavener is one of contemporary music's most distinctive and recognisable voices, writing deeply-felt compositions of instant magnetism and lyrical intensity inspired by a strong Greek Orthodox faith. At the very heart of his work is sacred choral music, a genre in which Tavener has established considerable fame with contemporary classics such as *The Lamb* and *Hymns to the Mother of God* as well as the elegiac *Song for Athene*. *Svyati*, for cello and chorus, takes the form of a musical incantation against the hushed voices of the choir. This rarely-heard masterpiece sees Tavener deploy an unusual combination of musical forces to powerful and moving effect.

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