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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
(b. 1945)Song for Athene • Svyati
and other choral works

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

Playing
Time
69:58

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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