



THE VERY BEST OF CHRISTMAS

"Awake, glad heart! get up and sing! It is the birth-day of thy King."

(Henry Vaughan)

The Very Best of Christmas is a 2 CD selection of favorite classical music for Christmas. CD 1 is a collection of traditional carols and choral music by a range of popular composers, united by the theme of 'The Christmas Story' featuring angels, shepherds and a baby in a manger. CD 2 is a delicious assortment of instrumental and orchestral music, united by the theme of 'The Christmas Season' featuring winter classics, best-loved ballet music and sleigh rides.

CD 1: The Christmas Story

- 1** HANDEL Joy to the World **2** MENDELSSOHN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
3&4 HANDEL Messiah: Behold a virgin shall conceive & For unto us a Child is born **5** CHARPENTIER Messe de Minuit pour Noël: Gloria
6 GRÜBER Silent Night **7** BACH O Jesulein süß **8** BASQUE The Angel Gabriel **9** TRAD. The First Nowell **10** BERLIOZ The Shepherds' Farewell
11 DARKE In the Bleak Midwinter **12** HOLST A Babe is born **13** TRAD. Ding Dong Merrily on High **14** TRAD. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
15 TAVENER Christmas Proclamation **16** TRAD. Sussex Carol **17** TRAD. Here We Come a-Wassailing **18** TRAD. The Holly and the Ivy
19 RUTTER What sweeter music **20** TRAD. O come all ye faithful

CD 2: The Christmas Season

- 1-3** VIVALDI The Four Seasons: Winter **4** BACH Christmas Oratorio: Sinfonia **5** CORELLI Christmas Concerto Op. 6 No. 8: Pastorale
6 BACH Wachet auf **7** HAYDN The Seasons: Winter, Die Einleitung schildert die dicken Nebel **8** MOZART 'Sleigh Ride' from 3 German Dances
9 TCHAIKOVSKY The Nutcracker: Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy **10** TCHAIKOVSKY Sleeping Beauty: Waltz
11 RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Christmas Eve: Polonaise **12** TCHAIKOVSKY The Seasons: December **13** LISZT Weihnachtsbaum: Adeste Fideles
14 PROKOFIEV Lieutenant Kijé Suite, Op. 60: IV. Troika **15** PROKOFIEV Cinderella: Cinderella's Waltz **16** ANDERSON Sleigh Ride



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