

Admired for the sheer beauty of his meditative and mystical music, John Tavener writes of his *Ex Maria Virgine*, which was dedicated to HRH the Prince of Wales and HRH the Duchess of Cornwall in joyful celebration of their marriage: "I have set both familiar and less well known texts, and linked them with an expanding and contracting phrase 'Ex Maria Virgine'. This refers to Mary the Mother of God—'The Eternal Feminine'—and should be sung with great radiance and femininity." The other, mainly unaccompanied, works reveal Tavener's response to various poetic texts that also praise the Virgin Mary.

Sir John
TAVENER
(b. 1944)

Ex Maria Virgine

A Christmas Sequence for Choir and Organ

1-10	Ex Maria Virgine		2:14
	(2005)* ¹	37:57	13 A Nativity (1985)
11	Birthday Sleep (1999)	5:27	14 Marien hymne (2005)*
12	O, Do Not Move (1990)	2:00	15 O Thou Gentle Light
			(2000) ²
			4:41
			16 Angels (1985/96) ³
			6:45

*WORLD PREMIÈRE RECORDING

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Simon Thomas Jacobs, Organ ³

Choir of Clare College, Cambridge • Timothy Brown

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