

The Vasari Singers' annual carol concerts always provide a warming blend of traditional favourites and less well-known music from all periods and styles. Here, joyous and masterful 16th-century polyphony sits alongside eternally popular Victorian carols, and exquisitely crafted settings by Howells and Walford Davies join works as recent as Gabriel Jackson's *The Christ-child*. Bob Chilcott magically superimposes traditional carols with entrancing new material, and no Vasari Christmas would be complete without some close harmony Swingle singing. The Vasari Singers have also recorded Gabriel Jackson's *Requiem* (8.573049).

A WINTER'S LIGHT

A Christmas Collection

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| 1 Chilcott: This is the truth* | 3:24 | 11 Walford Davies: O little town
of Bethlehem* | 5:30 |
| 2 Rathbone: Gabriel's Message | 1:45 | 12 Armstrong Gibbs:
The Stable Door | 2:29 |
| 3 Sweelinck: Hodie Christus
natus est | 3:46 | 13 Adam, arr. J.E. West:
O Holy Night* | 5:40 |
| 4 Praetorius, arr. Sandström:
Es ist ein Ros entsprungen | 4:03 | 14 Darke: In the bleak mid-winter* | 4:43 |
| 5 Howells: Sing Lullaby | 3:31 | 15 Jackson: The Christ-child | 5:02 |
| 6 Vilette: Hymne à la Vierge | 3:58 | 16 Rutter: Nativity Carol* | 4:26 |
| 7 Chilcott: Sweet was the song* | 4:15 | 17 Pierpoint, arr. B. Parry:
Jingle Bells | 2:45 |
| 8 Willcocks: Of the Father's
heart begotten* | 3:03 | 18 Chilcott: Christmas-tide | 3:08 |
| 9 Gabrieli: Hodie Christus
natus est | 4:17 | 19 Lake, arr. Rathbone:
I believe in Father Christmas | 3:17 |
| 10 Chilcott: Rejoice and be merry* | 1:50 | 20 Rathbone: Carol Medley* | 3:14 |

Martin Ford, Organ*

Vasari Singers • Jeremy Backhouse

A detailed track list and artists' and publishers' details can be found inside the booklet.
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