

Christmas is a time for special musical experiences, from gentle traditional carols to rousing calls for worship. This recording fully represents the Vasari Singers' renowned seasonal programmes, mixing familiar festive fun with newly inspired creations such as the world premiere recording of Helena Paish's beautiful setting of words by the youngest of the Brontë sisters. From the evocative narrative of Finzi's *In Terra Pax* to the joyous potpourri of *A Merry Little Christmas*, this, like the Vasari Singers' previous Christmas release, *A Winter's Light* (Naxos 8.573030), is a recording to treasure.

MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

1	Finzi: In Terra Pax, Christmas Scene	15:58	10	Traditional: Ding dong! Merrily on high	2:41
2	Traditional: On Christmas night 'Sussex Carol'	1:47	11	Rutter: Candlelight Carol	4:23
3	Rutter: Christmas Lullaby	4:56	12	Llewellyn: London Waits (Past three o'clock)	4:42
4	Howells: A Spotless Rose	3:15			
5	Peacock: Venite, Gaudete!	2:13	13	Farrington: Nova, nova	4:10
6	Paish: Music on Christmas Morning*	3:56	14	Traditional: Sleep, Jesus, sleep	4:12
7	Rutter: Dormi, Jesu	5:17	15	Martin / Bernard / Styne / Berlin / Pierpont: A Merry Little Christmas	5:08
8	Chilcott: Les anges dans nos campagnes	3:08			
9	Traditional: Quelle est cette odeur agréable?	4:10	16	Traditional: We wish you a merry Christmas	1:45

*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING

Roderick Williams, Baritone 1 4 9 12

Jocelyn Somerville 1 6, Elizabeth Limb 14, Soprano

Martin Ford, Organ 1-3 7-11 13, Piano 14-16

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