

John Rutter is probably the most acclaimed and successful composer of carols alive today. His large selection of popular sacred choral pieces in the genre reflect and celebrate the Christmas story. Rutter's unerring sense of melody combined with a rich harmonic palette makes his music instantly accessible to both performers and audiences alike. This recording brings together a selection of his most famous Christmas carols in beautiful new arrangements for brass performed by the Black Dyke Band.

John  
**RUTTER**  
(b. 1945)



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| <b>1</b> O Clap Your Hands (1973)*       | <b>3:15</b> | <b>9</b> Traditional, arr. Rutter:<br>Here We Come a-Wassailing*     | <b>3:19</b> |
| <b>2</b> Angels' Carol (1988)*           | <b>3:25</b> | <b>10</b> New Year (2006)*   | <b>4:05</b> |
| <b>3</b> Carol of the Magi (2009)*       | <b>4:50</b> | <b>11</b> Shepherd's Pipe Carol (1965)                               | <b>2:30</b> |
| <b>4</b> Rejoice and Be Merry<br>(2004)* | <b>2:09</b> | <b>12</b> Christmas Lullaby (1989)                                   | <b>3:41</b> |
| <b>5</b> Be Thou My Vision (1989)*       | <b>4:34</b> | <b>13</b> Jesus Child (1973)   | <b>3:00</b> |
| <b>6</b> Star Carol (1972)*              | <b>2:34</b> | <b>14</b> Candlelight Carol (1984)*                                  | <b>3:34</b> |
| <b>7</b> Dormi, Jesu (1999)*             | <b>3:43</b> | <b>15</b> Te Deum (1988)*  | <b>7:41</b> |
| <b>8</b> Nativity Carol (1963)*          | <b>4:45</b> | <b>16</b> Traditional, arr. Rutter: We Wish<br>You a Merry Christmas | <b>1:45</b> |

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**Black Dyke Band • Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus** **1 8 15**  
**Nicholas Childs** **2-7 9-14 16**,  
**Darius Battiwalla** **1 8 15**, **Conductor**

Arranged by Luc Vertommen (b. 1968) **1-10 14 15**, Peter Graham (b. 1958) **11**,  
John Clay (b. 1944) **12**, Eric Wilson (b. 1963) **13 16**

A detailed track list and full recording and publishing details can be found inside the booklet  
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