

The Sweet and Merry Month

Music for May Morning

Experience a staple of the Oxford calendar in this set of works inspired by the May Morning tradition, with madrigals, rounds, catches and partsongs from the fifteenth century to the modern day. Opening with the sound of the College clock chiming at dawn, this special recording displays Magdalen College Choir in radiant form, shining in the glorious acoustics of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Oxford.

1.	The College Clock	0.53
2.	Sumer is icumen in Trad. round, arr. Grayston Ives (b. 1948)	2.45
3.	Now is the month of Maying Thomas Morley (1557–1602)	2.11
4.	Lay a garland Robert Lucas de Pearsall (1795–1856)	3.01
5.	I'll Follow the Sun John Lennon (1940–1980) & Paul McCartney (b. 1942), arr. Grayston Ives (b. 1948)	2.14
6.	O Lusty May Anon.	1.51
7.	Ah Robin William Cornysh (c. 1465–1523)	2.25
8.	Linden Lea Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)	2.38
9.	Loch Lomond Trad. Scottish folksong, arr. David Overton (b. 1942)	3.26
10.	Hymnus Eucharisticus Benjamin Rogers (1614–1698)	2.25
11.	Sicut liliun John Stainer (1840–1901)	1.18
12.	Haste on my joys Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)	2.10
13.	Music when soft voices die Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)	2.25
14.	Somewhere Over the Rainbow Harold Arlen (1905–1986), arr. Guy Turner (b. 1955)	5.16
15.	Dieu, qu'il la fait bon regarder Claude Debussy (1862–1918)	2.12
16.	The Lark in Clear Air Trad. Irish folksong, arr. James Whitbourn (b. 1963)	2.36
17.	The Silver Swan Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)	1.41
18.	Felice primavera Carlo Gesualdo (1566–1613)	3.21
19.	The Hills John Ireland (1870–1962)	3.19
20.	This Sweet and Merry Month of May William Byrd (1540–1623)	2.36
21.	The Spring of the Year Peter Warlock (1894–1930)	2.16
22.	The Oak and the Ash Trad. English folksong, arr. Gordon Langford (1930–2017)	3.27
23.	In pride of May Thomas Weelkes (c. 1576–1623)	3.33
24.	Hora e di Maggio Heinrich Isaac (c. 1450–1517)	1.22
25.	As torrents in Summer Edward Elgar (1857–1934)	2.24
26.	The Bluebird Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)	3.39
27.	The Ballad of Green Broom Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)	2.12
28.	The Bells of Magdalen College, Oxford	0.56

The Choir of Magdalen College, Oxford

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