

Nils Lindberg's *A Christmas Cantata*, for choir, Big Band and two vocal soloists, is a mixture of English carols, Swedish folksongs, harmonies of classical music and jazzy rhythms. Live recording from the Stockholm Cathedral.



NILS LINDBERG - *A Christmas Cantata*

Total Time: 50:05

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| PART 1 | | PART 9 - MARY'S THOUGHTS ADAPTED FROM ST LUKE 2:19 | |
| 1. | Introduction | 8. | <i>But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart</i> 3:12 |
| PART 2 - LYRICS FROM ISAIAH 9:2, 6, 7 | | PART 10 | |
| | <i>The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light</i> 5:17 | 9. | <i>God rest you merry, gentlemen</i> (English traditional carol) 3:07 |
| PART 3 - LYRICS FROM ST MATTHEW 1:18-21, 23 AND ST LUKE 1:32 | | PART 11 - LYRICS FROM ST MATTHEW 2:1, 2, 5-11 | |
| 2. | <i>Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise</i> 2:03 | 10. | <i>Now when Jesus was born</i> 2:57 |
| PART 4 | | PART 12 | |
| 3. | <i>Ding dong! Merrily on high</i> (French melody 16 th century) 2:46 | 11. | <i>Deck the hall</i> (Welsh traditional carol) 4:32 |
| PART 5 - LYRICS FROM ST LUKE 2:1, 3-7 | | PART 13 - LYRICS ADAPTED FROM ST JOHN 1:1, 4 AND ST MATTHEW 1:23 | |
| 4. | <i>And it came to pass in those days</i> 2:26 | 12. | <i>In the beginning was the Word</i> 2:11 |
| PART 6 | | PART 14 - FINALE | |
| 5. | <i>Sussex Carol</i> (English traditional carol) 3:33 | 13. | <i>A Merry Christmas</i> (Traditional carol) 2:36 |
| PART 7 - LYRICS FROM ST LUKE 2:8-16, 20 | | THREE SWEDISH FOLKSONGS ARRANGED FOR CHOIR BY NILS LINDBERG | |
| 6. | <i>And there were in the same country</i> 4:10 | 14. | <i>Visa på väg</i> (Melody from Nås, lyrics by Artur Eriksson) 1:36 |
| PART 8 | | 15. | <i>Kom min vän</i> (Melody from Siljansnäs) 3:09 |
| 7. | <i>Gläd dig du Kristi brud</i> (Traditional Swedish tune from Mora, verse 1 only) <i>Sing, O Sing This Blessed Morn</i> (English hymntext by Christopher Wordsworth, verse 2 only, adapted to the tune <i>Gläd dig du Kristi brud</i> by Nils Lindberg) 3:17 | 16. | <i>Den signade dag</i> (Melody from Äppelbo) 3:11 |



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