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WALTON: *Belshazzar's Feast*

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Walton's searing oratorio, *Belshazzar's Feast*, written for baritone, chorus and a huge orchestra with an augmented brass section, takes as its subject the scene from the Bible (Book of Daniel) in which, at King Belshazzar's Feast, a hand appears and prophetically writes a doom-laden message on the wall. Often compared on account of its pulsating drive and barbaric splendour with Orff's *Carmina Burana*, *Belshazzar's Feast* is now regarded as the finest British large-scale choral work since Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius*.

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(1902-1983)

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| Belshazzar's Feast | 34:13 | 7 | Then sing aloud to God | 4:23 |
| 1 Thus spake Isaiah | 5:13 | 8 | The trumpeters and pipers are silent | 1:03 |
| 2 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem | 5:03 | 9 | Then sing aloud to God | 3:36 |
| 3 Babylon was a great city | 4:28 | 10 | Crown Imperial | 6:45 |
| 4 Praise ye | 5:16 | 11 | Orb and Sceptre | 7:20 |
| 5 Thus in Babylon | 3:14 | | | |
| 6 And in that same hour | 1:57 | | | |

**Christopher Purves, Baritone • Simon Lindley, Organ
Huddersfield Choral Society • Leeds Philharmonic Chorus
Laudibus • English Northern Philharmonia • Paul Daniel**

Recorded at the Town Hall, Leeds, UK., on the 30th June and 1st July, 2001 (Tracks 1-9)
and on 7th July and 25th October, 1996 (Tracks 10-11) • Producers: Andrew Walton
(K&A Productions Ltd.) (Tracks 1-9) and Chris Craker (Tracks 10-11)
Engineers: Eleanor Thomason & Mike Clements (Tracks 1-9) and David Harries (Tracks 10-11)
Post-production: Andrew Walton and Peter Newble (Tracks 1-9) • MCPS

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