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Anthology

« The Christmas Story ». Plain chant, motets, dialogues & traditional carols

Theatre of Voices, Ars Nova Copenhagen,, Paul Hillier

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Inspired by the much-loved service of "Nine Lessons and Carols" given every Christmas Eve in England, this recording presents the Nativity story told through plainchant, motets, 17th Century dialogues, and traditional folk carols. **Paul Hillier** leads **Theatre of Voices** and **Ars Nova Copenhagen** in music he has culled and arranged from Italian, German, Danish, English, and American sources.



Artists

- Theatre of Voices
Vocal ensemble
- Ars Nova Copenhagen
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- Paul Hillier
Artistic director
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Composers

- Anonymous
- Traditional
- Biasio Tomasi
- Howard Skempton
- Robert Lucas Pearsall
- Alessandro Grandi
- William Byrd
- Giovanni Francesco Anerio
- John Henry Hopkins
- Johannes Eccard
- Niels Gade

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ANONYMOUS

- **Rorate coeli desuper** (2'31)

TRADITIONAL

- **Veni veni Emanuel** (3'19)
- **Es ist ein Ros entsprungen** (3'26)

BIASIO TOMASI

- **Dum deambulet Dominus in Paradisum** (4'54)

HOWARD SKEMPTON [1947-]

- **Adam lay y-bounden** (1'36)

ROBERT LUCAS PEARSALL [1795-1856]

- **In dulci iubilo** (3'21)

ALESSANDRO GRANDI

· **Missus est Gabriel** (7'27)

ANONYMOUS

· **Puer natus est** (3'03)

WILLIAM BYRD [1543-1623]

· **O magnum mysterium** (3'06)

GIOVANNI FRANCESCO ANERIO

· **Voi ch'ai notturni rai** (6'10)

TRADITIONAL

· **Dormi, dormi, o bel bambin** (2'01)

· **Liebe Hirten** (1'36)

· **Andachtsjodler** (2'26)

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS

· **We three kings** (3'55)

ANONYMOUS

· **Videntes stellam** (0'33)

TRADITIONAL

· **Personent hodie** (1'51)

ANONYMOUS

· **Herodes iratus** (0'37)

· **Vox in Rama** (1'11)

JOHANNES ECCARD

· **Uebers Gebirg** (2'47)

· **Maria wallt zum Heiligtum** (3'12)

TRADITIONAL

· **The holly and the ivy** (2'47)

NIELS GADE

· **Barn Jesus i en krybbe la** (1'56)

TRADITIONAL

· **We wish you a merry Christmas** (1'34)