

**Wintersong: A Virtual Celebration of the Season
Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble**

**Deborah Jenkins Teske, conductor
December 2020**

Recording Venues:

St. Mary's Cathedral
Broadmoor Community Church, in the glen
Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Motorworks Restorations, Jeremy Vreeman, owner
Our Living Rooms

PROGRAM

"Woods" by Wendell Berry (b. 1934)

Reader: Madeline Smith

Be Like the Bird

Abbie Betinis (b. 1980)

Madeline Smith, soprano

Be like the bird that, pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight, feels them give way
beneath her, and sings, and sings, and sings knowing she hath wings. -Victor Hugo
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"Hope is the thing with feathers" by Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

Reader: Megan Pfeiffer Miller

Spaséñiye, sodélal

Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944)

Salvation is created, in midst of the earth, O God, O our God. Alleluia.

"Twelfth Night" by Laurie Lee (1914-1997)

Reader: Peter Tuff

Corpus Christi Carol (English Medieval)
Trond Kverno (b.1945)

Kacie Kenton, soprano; Jeremy Vreeman, bass
Solo ensemble: Brittany Joerger, alto; Todd Teske, Simon Jacobs, tenors; Jim Sena, bass
This anonymous text is an allegory depicting the crucified Christ as a wounded knight.

Lully, lulley, lully, luley, the falcon hath borne my make away.
He bare him up, he bare him down, he bare him into an orchard brown.
In that orchard there was a bed, It was hanged with gold so red.
And in that bed there lieth a knight, his wounds bleeding both day and night
And by that bedside there kneeleth a may and she weepeth both night and day.
And by that bedside there standeth a stone: Corpus Christi written thereon.
Lully, lulley, lully, luley, the falcon hath borne my make away.

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Toccata on ‘Veni Emmanuel’
Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Simon Jacobs, organ

“Wintering” by Jim Sena (b. 1971)

Reader: Simon Jacobs

O magnum mysterium
Frances Poulenc (1899-1963)

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger! O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

“Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” by Robert Frost (1874-1963)

Reader: Chris Arroyo

Abendlied (Op. 69, No. 3)
Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over

I Wonder as I Wander (Traditional Appalachian)

Arr. John Jabob Niles

Jessica Larson, soprano

1. I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

2. When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

3. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

“Christmas Sparrow” by Billy Collins (b. 1941)

Reader: Jeremy Vreeman

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In Dulci Jubilo

Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629)

1. *In dulci jubilo* [In quiet joy]

Let us our homage show

Our heart's joy reclineth

In praesepio [in a manger]

And like a bright star shineth

Matris in gremio [in the mother's lap]

Alpha es et O. [Thou art Alpha & Omega]

2. *O Jesu parvule* [O tiny Jesus]

I yearn for thee alway

Listen to my ditty

O puer optima [O best of boys]

Have pity on me, pity

O princeps gloriae, [Prince of glory]

Trahe me post te. [draw me unto thee]

3. *O patris caritas* [O father's caring]
O nati lenitas [O newborn's mildness]
Deeply were we stained
Per nostra crimina [by our crimes]
But thou hast for us gained
Coelorum gaudia [heavenly joy]
O that we were there.

4. *Ubi sunt gaudia* [where be joys]
If that they be not there
There are angels singing
Nova cantina [new songs]
There the bells are ringing
In regis curia [at the king's court]
O that we were there.

Noel!

Steven Sametz (b.1954)

Words adapted from a Medieval carol

Noel! sing we both all and some
Out of your sleep awake
for God mankind now that he take
all of a maiden without any make
Noel!

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“Where everything is music” by Rumi (1207-1273)

Reader: Donna Nuñez

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied, ‘The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.’
Amen.

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Jessica Larson
Katy Mariotti
Megan Pfeiffer Miller
Madeline Smith
Emily Sorensen
Erin Vreeman

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Judy Gudvangen
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Heather McMurray
Donna Nuñez
Daryll Stevens
Erin Tucker

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Paul Heinecke
Jeff Hodur
Simon Jacobs
Andrew Strange
Todd Teske

Bass

Chris Arroyo
Chas Douthit
Austin Grantz
Grant Jenkins
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Jim Sena
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