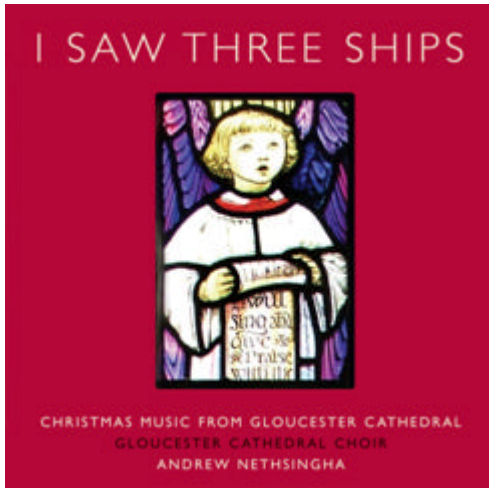




new release information



artist: Gloucester Cathedral Choir
 Andrew Nethsingha, Director
 Robert Houssart, Organ

title: I Saw Three Ships

price: Full

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about the release

In 1918 the first service of Nine Lessons and Carols took place at King's College Cambridge. This service is now transmitted from King's, live and recorded, across the world to an audience of millions. Alongside the championing of medieval carols and traditional repertoire, the College has instigated the annual commission of a new work for Christmas. This new recording from Gloucester Cathedral Choir is no exception, with famous

arrangements by Sir David Willcocks and Sir Philip Ledger, both former Organists of King's, as well as a newly commissioned carol from Richard Rodney Bennett.

This beautiful collection of traditional and contemporary carols features soloists Greg Skidmore, James Atherton, Ciaran Walshe, Sebastian Field, Lawrence Keeling and Russell Burton.

about Gloucester Cathedral Choir

Today's choir is the successor to the boys and monks of the Benedictine Abbey of St Peter, who sang for daily worship nine centuries ago. The Choir of today stems from that established by Henry VIII in 1539, consisting of 20 choristers (who receive generous scholarships to attend neighbouring King's School), 12 lay clerks and choral scholars.

track list

1	Nesciens Mater	Jean Mouton c.1459-1522	5:51
2	Ave Maria	Sergei Rachmaninov 1873 – 1943	3:05
3	E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come	Paul Manz b.1919	2:39
4	A Spotless Rose	Herbert Howells 1892 – 1983	3:15
5	There is no rose	Elizabeth Maconchy 1907 - 1994	1:51
6	Virga Jesse	Anton Bruckner 1824 – 1896	3:48
7	Tomorrow shall be my dancing day	John Gardner b. 1917	2:24
8	Tryste Noel	Herbert Howells	5:08
9	The Lamb	John Tavener b. 1944	3:27
10	On Christmas night	arr. Philip Ledger b. 1937	1:57
11	Away in a manger	arr. David Willcocks b. 1919	2:41
12	I saw three ships	Richard Rodney Bennett b. 1936	2:34
13	A babe is born	William Mathias 1934– 1992	3:21
14	Silent Night	arr. Mark Blatchly b. 1960	3:12
15	Sleep, Little Jesus, Sleep	arr. Roxanna Panufnik b. 1968	2:54
16	Noel Nouvelet	arr. Stephen Jackson b. 1951	4:05
17	Torches	John Joubert b. 1927	1:36
18	Bethlehem Down	Peter Warlock 1894– 1930	3:51
19	Ding dong merrily on high	arr. Charles Wood 1866 – 1926	2:01
20	The Blessed Son of God	Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872– 1958	2:45
21	We wish you a merry Christmas	arr. Arthur Warrell 1900 – 1970	1:55
22	In the bleak midwinter	Harold Darke 1888 – 1976	4:41
23	O come all ye faithful	arr. David Willcocks	3:49
24	Deck the hall	arr. David Willcocks	1:30

Critical acclaim for Gloucester Cathedral Choir

“The choral singing is gloriously agile...moments of almost startling clarity and intimacy”
– *International Record Review*

“Under Nethsingha's directions, Gloucester Cathedral Choir sing with confidence and refinement”
– *Sunday Times*

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