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# A Grand Georgian Christmas with Gabrieli Roar 

November - December 2024

Teacher's Resource Pack

# Gabrieli Roar A Grand Georgian Christmas 

## Christmas Tour 2024

Welcome to the teachers' music pack for Gabrieli Roar's Christmas tour, November 27th to December 11th in Portsmouth, Norwich, Ely, Coventry, Blackburn, and Carlisle Cathedrals, Hull and York Minsters, ending in the South West in Exeter and Truro Cathedrals, and Bristol St Mary Redcliffe.

Following our hugely successful Praetorius tour in 2022, we will be working with over 5000 young people from Cumbria to Cornwall and from Durham to Kent. The purpose of this enterprise is to connect young choirs up and down the land in partnership, and to encourage more young people to connect with classical music. As you will see, the programme offers opportunities for established choirs capable of singing in parts, but there are also simpler pieces which enable those new to singing to join in this magnificent music.

The programme explores English music for parish churches in the Georgian period, spanning the century from around 1740. This tradition, sometimes referred to as 'Psalmody' or 'Gallery Music' embraces many kinds of music, from simple hymns and 'fuguing tunes' to more elaborate anthems; as many country churches lacked organs, the music was often led by an ensemble of singers and a mixed band of instruments from a gallery in the west end of the church. Many now-forgotten composers wrote music in the late baroque and nascent classical style, but equally it was common to retext well-known music by Handel, Haydn, Purcell and others. Much of the music is robust and cheerful and well connected to folk traditions: the Christmas repertoire especially so.

For the tour, Gabrieli's dozen singers will lead the choirs, and the band will comprise strings, flutes, clarinets, bassoons, horns, trumpets, drums, organ, harpsichord, ophicleide and, (how could we not?) two very special serpents. It's worth reading Thomas Hardy's wonderful description of a village band in 'Under the Greenwood Tree', which still paints a vivid picture of 19th Century music making.

There are three excellent and well-known recordings of this repertoire by Peter Holman and the Parley of Instruments: Nativity, While Shepherds Watched, and Haydn and his English Friends, which are widely available and contain most of the pieces we will perform. We're grateful to Peter for his help, and especially to Sally Drage who is the great expert on this repertoire and who has kindly provided most of the material here, with permission to use for the tour and in schools.

We are hoping that this material will be useful for your own carol concerts. The solo parts are often quite simple and might be sung by more confident singers. Likewise, the instrumental parts are hardly virtuoso; the beauty is that there is no right or wrong, and parts can be taken by whatever players you have to hand in your school.

The music here is marked 'stage choir' and 'big choir' as agreed in advance. Please contact Anna (anna@gabrieli.com) or Freya (freya@gabrieli.com) if you need clarification on what your choir should sing. We've made notes after every piece which we hope will be helpful. If you would also like the orchestral parts, please let Anna and Freya know and we can send them to you.

Hugely looking forward to working with you all later this year.

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## Who is singing each piece?

|  | Title | Gabrielis | Stage | Big Choir | Cong |
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| A The Promise | Remember O Thou Man-Ravenscroft | Y |  |  |  |
|  | Veni Emmanuel - trad | Y | Y | Y |  |
|  | The people that walked in darkness - John Hill of Rugby | Y | Y |  |  |
|  | Lo, he comes with clouds descending - arr Edward Miller of Doncaster | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| B Shepherds | There were shepherds abiding the fields - Thomas Jarman of Clipstone | Y | Y |  |  |
|  | Pifa 1 - instrumental |  |  |  |  |
|  | While shepherds watched their fleecy care - Thomas Key of Nuneaton | Y | Y |  |  |
|  | Pifa 2 - instrumental |  |  |  |  |
|  | While Shepherds watched their flocks by night - Thomas Clark of Canterbury | Y | Y | Y |  |
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| C At the Manger | Adeste Fideles - Wade arr Novello | Y | Y | Y |  |
|  | Hush! My Dear, Lie Still and Slumber - Anon arr Thomas Butts | Y |  |  |  |
|  | Give to God our thankful songs - Haydn, arr. William Gardiner of Leicester | Y | Y |  |  |
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| D Angels | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Georgia) - Handel arr Edward Miller of Doncaster | Y | Y | Y | Y |
|  | Strike, Seraph Strike! - John Fawcett of Bolton | Y | Y |  |  |
|  | Hark! How All the Welkin Rings - Anon arr Thomas Butts | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Encore | While shepherds watched (Old Foster) - John Foster of High Green, Yorkshire | Y | Y | Y |  |

## Remember O Thou Man

## A Christmas Carroll



1. Re-mem-ber, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man, Re-mem-ber, O thou man, Thy time is spent.
2. Re-mem-ber God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man, Re-mem-ber God's goodness, And his pro-mise made.

3. Re-mem-ber, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man, Re-mem-ber, O thou man, Thy time is spent.
4. Re-mem-ber God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man, Re-mem-ber God's goodness, And his pro-mise made.


8 2. Re-mem-ber A-dam's fall, O thou man, O thou man, Re-mem-ber A-dam's fall From heav'n to hell.
4. In Beth-lem he was born, O thou man, O thou man, In Beth-lem he was born, For man-kind's sake.



## Veni Emanuel



## REFRAIN



## Veni Emanuel

13th Century
VERSE
(Bibliothèque National MS)


# The people that walked in darkness 

## ANTHEM

Hill's Church Music iv (London, [1790]
Isaiah 9, v.2, 6, 7.
John Hill © this edition
[Solo]


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* Brisk and loud




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B, vc

[Hill - p. 2 - voices]



[Hill - p. 3 - voices]


Cho[ru]s


[Hill - p. 5 - voices]

[Hill - p. 6 - voices]


Duett -Treble and Tenor

[Hill-p. 7 - voices]


[Hill - p. 9 - voices]


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Solo

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the
prince
of
peace.

-on his shoul - der,


[Hill - p. 10 - voices



[Hill - p. 11 - voices]





For Christmas Day
Also adapted for those who celebrate the birth of Christ, in the open air, early in the morning.

The Voice of Melody (London, c.1830) text: St Luke ch. 2 v .8

## There were shepherds abiding in the field



Duetto



## Chorus






## While Shepherds watched their fleecy care

Five Anthems, Four Collects [etc.] (London, 1785) (Key)
A Collection of Anthems and Psalms (Nuneaton, c. 1790) (Collins)
Joseph Key of Nuneaton (d.1784)
Symphony (Thomas Collins)
(C) this edition

Sally Drage 2003
[The addition of this symphony was suggested by Blaise Compton]

2. In Bethl'em town this blessed morn, The Saviour of Mankind is born; Born of a spotless virgin pure, Free from all sin, from guilt secure.
3. Arise, your tender care forsake, With hasty steps your journey take, To David's city, there you'll find The great Redeemer of Mankind.
4. In swaddling clothes the Babe behold,

No costly garb his limbs unfold,
Laid in a manger there you'll see The pattern of humility.
5. To save us from eternal death

The great Messiah came on earth. Then let us with united voice, In hallelujahs all rejoice.
[p. 2 - Key - As shepherds]

Chorus


## While Shepherds Watched their flocks by night

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2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind), 'Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.
3. 'To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign:
4. 'The heav'nly babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid.'
5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels, praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high,

And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease.'
emendations:
original text 'Grace 'tis a charming sound' alto transposed down an octave alto bar 62 nd beat quavers originally even

## Cranbrook

Thomas Clark
Symphony by Peter Holman


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## (T) come, all we $\mathfrak{y f a i t h f u l . ~}$

(ADESTE FIDELES.)
Arranged by V. Novello.
Christmas Hymn for Four Voices.
London: Novello, Ewer \& Co., 1, Berners Street (W.), and 80 \& 81, Queen Street (E.C.); also in New York

ise we our voi - ces, Joy-ful in thanks- giv - ing,


Raise we our voi - ces, Joy-ful in thanks- giv - ing,


Raise we our voi - ces, Joy-ful in thanks-giv - ing,
$N a-t u m v i-d e-t e, \quad r e-g e m a n-g e-l o-r u m$,


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$\Delta$ folio Edition is published by Novello. Ewer and Co., price 1s. 6d. Single Vocal Parts, 1s. Single Orchestral Parts, 2s. 6d.


Hufh!my dear, lye fill and lumber; Holy Angels guan thy Bed! Heavenly blefsings without number Gently falling on thy head.


Stet my Babe; thy Food \& Raiment, Howled \& Home thy Friendsponide; All without thy Care or Payment, All thy Wants are well fupplyd.


> How much better Thourt attended Than the Son of GoD could be, When from Heaven he defended, And became a Child like The! Soft and eafy is thy Cradle : Coddle and hard thy Saviour lay; When his Birth place was a Stable, And his Cofteft Bed was Hay.

See the dimple Shepherds round him, Telling Wonders from the Shy ; There they fought him, there they found him, With his Virgin Mother by .
L. 0 , he lumbers in his Manger, Where the Horned Oxen fed; Peace, my Darling heres no danger, Heres no Ox a near thy Bed.

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# Give to God our thankful songs 

JOSEPH HAYDN
Legato
arr. William Gardiner

Kings,_ Ev - er be His name a - dored; Truth and love



Dr Watts's Psalms and Hymns, set to new music... Hark the Herald Angels Sing
G.F.Handel (1685-1759)
arr. Edward Miller of
Doncaster (1735-1807) (London, [1800])


1. Hark! the_ he - rald an - gels sing glo - ry to the



2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
3. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased as man with men to appear, Jesus our Immanuel here.
4. Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!

Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
5. Mild he lays his glory by,

Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

## a New Christmas piece

The Voice of Harmony, $16+17$ (London, [c.1850])

John Fawcett (1789-1867)
(C) Sally Drage 2006
text: Mr. G. Pike






DUET - Trebles



CHORUS





Harmonia Sacra [2nd ed.] (London, 1767)
arr. Thomas Butts
(C) this edition

Sally Drage 2002
text: Charles Wesley


emendations: verses 5 to 9 omitted, originally in D major, tenor originally 8 va higher
text: Nahum Tate, 1700

While shepherds watched their
flocks by night
'Old Foster'







[PTO v. 4 to 6]





## Appendix

Remember OThou Man<br>?Thomas Ravenscroft

Source: Melismata (London, 1611)
Reference to a recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=Fd8iMnk07cU\&ab_channel=ChoirofKing\%27sCollege\%2CCambridge-Topic
Performance notes (tour): This number will be sung by Gabrielis alone
Performance notes (schools): There are all manner of options - the unison line could be sung as a solo, with choral or instrumental refrains ( $O$ thou man/Thy time is spent)

## Veni Emanuel <br> Traditional, ?13th Century

Source: Ancient melody, ?13th Century
Arrangement details: The two-part version is ancient and may origniate from a nunnery. The four-part version is arranged by Ben Parry.
Other information: Its complex history is summarised in New Oxford Book of Carols. The tune was first published in Neale and Helmore's Hymnal Noted
(1854)

Reference to a recording:
Example of plainchant - https://www.youtube.com/watch?
$v=5 n R t n W$ VIUfnI\&ab_channel=WestminsterChoir-Topic
Example of two-part chant - https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=4fMja12dVdQ\&t=5s\&ab_channel=ccwatershed
Performance notes (tour): In latin, 5 verses
Performance notes (schools): Numerous options - there are many other settings with organ in Carols for Choirs

The people that walked in darkness
John Hill of Rugby
Source: Hill's Church Music 4 (London, 1790), Text: Isaiah 9, v.2, 6, 7
Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Other information: This is a more extensive piece in anthem style, which sets a text familiar from Handel's Messiah.
Reference to a recording: Nativity, Christmas Music from Georgian England, The Parley of Instruments, Psalmody, Peter Holman: Track 4
Performance notes (tour): Choruses to be performed by Stage Choir
Tempi: b. 9 and b.20, dotted minim $=60$
b. 55 in one, approx. minim $=69$
b. 109 , crochet $=120$
b. 222 in two, $\operatorname{minim}=66$

## Lo, He comes with clouds descending arr Edward Miller of Doncaster

Source: David's Harp (London, c.1803), Text: John Cennick/Charles Wesley Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Reference to a recording: Nativity, Christmas Music from Georgian England, The Parley of Instruments, Psalmody, Peter Holman: Track 5
Performance notes (tour): This famous Wesley Hymn is sung to the tune now known as Helmsley. The melody line is sung by sopranos and tenors, with an alto line and bass line below. In churches with organs was traditional for the organist to play interludes between each verse - Samuel Sebastian Wesley and Mendelsohnn, with many others, have left examples of the form.
Note the appoggiaturas in bars $1,4,5$, and 8 are half the value of the note length.
There were shepherds abiding the fields
Thomas Jarman of Clipstone
Source: The Voice of Melody (London, c. 1830), Text: St Luke ch. 2 v. 8 Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched, Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740-1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 11
Performance notes: Big Chorus will join in for choruses

## While shepherds watched their fleecy care <br> Thomas Key of Nuneaton

Source: Five Anthems, Four Collects (London, 1785)
Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched, Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740-1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 7

## While Shepherds watched their flocks by night Thomas Clark of Canterbury

Source: A Set of Psalm and Hymn Tunes (London, 1805)
Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Other information and performance notes: This is a comparativley rare example of a sacred tune which is now better known as a secular tune: On Ilkley Moore Bar t'At. With the imitative entries, it owes something to the tradition of fuguing tunes. Also included is a cheerful symphony, written by Peter Holman, which will played before each verse (reprinted with kind permission).
For further background history, see also New Oxford Book of Carols no. 46 p. 134
Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched, Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740-1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 9

Adeste Fideles Wade arr Vincent Novello

Source: The Musical Times, No. 166 (London, n.d.[1856])
Arrangement details: Vincent Novello
Other information: The background to this carol is lost in obscurity. It first appears in English sources in the mid-18th Century and has strong Catholic connections. The verse you hear appeared in the mid-19th Century, rather charmingly arranged for small orchestra, solo quartet, and chorus.
For further background history, see New Oxford Book of Carols no. 70 p.238. Reference to a recording: Nativity, Christmas Music from Georgian England, The Parley of Instruments/Psalmody, Peter Holman: Track 17

## Hush! My dear, Lie Still and Slumber Anon arr Thomas Butts

Source: Harmonia Sacra, London, 1767
Arrangement details: Thomas Butts
Other information: An early version of what became a popular American hymn. Like many cradle songs, this may well have been performed in a domestic setting For further background history, see New Oxford Book of Carols no. 15 p. 410. Performance notes: This will be sung by a solo member of the Gabrielis.
Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched: Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740-1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 6

Give to God our thankful songs
Haydn, arr William Gardiner of Leicester
Source: Sacred Melodies from Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven (London, 1812)
Arrangement details: William Gardiner
Other information: William Gardiner was a hosier from Leicester and a Haydn enthusiast, who allegedly sent the composer 6 pairs of stockings, embroiderd with themes of his works. He published a series of volumes of sacred music, based on themes by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and others; this reworking of Haydn's Emperor Variations is particularly charming. The text has been further adapted by Paul McCreesh to make it appropriate for Christmas.
Reference to a recording: Haydn and his English Friends, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 8

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing <br> Handel arr Edward Miller of Doncaster

Source: Dr Watts's Psalms and Hymns, set to new music (London, [1800]), Text: after Charles Wesley
Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Performance notes (tour): Hark! The Herald Angels Sing was sung to a great number of different tunes. This, an adaptation of Handel's chorus "See, lo the conquering hero comes", was one of the most popular.
In accordance with gallery traditions, the top two lines should be doubled by tenors or baritones to give a particularly rich vocal texture. Again this carol will be sung with organ interludes. The second half of the verse is always repeated. Note that the appoggiaturas are half the length of the value of the note.
Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched: Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740-1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 8

Strike! seraphs Strike
John Fawcett of Bolton

Source: The Voice of Harmony, 16, 17 (London c.1840)
Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Performance notes (tour): To be performed by the Stage Choir. This anthem may have been written for a music festival as it is scored for large classical orchestra, and may have been written for the Bolton Philharmonic Society.
Reference to a recording: Nativity: Christmas Music from Georgian England, The Parley of Instruments/Psalmody, Peter Holman: Track 1

Hark! How All the Welkin Rings
Anon arr Thomas Butts

Source: Harmonia Sacra [2nd ed.] (London, 1767), Text: Charles Wesley
Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched: Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740-1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 5

Encore: While shepherds watched their flocks by night, 'Old Foster' John Foster

Source: A 2nd Collection of Sacred Music (York, [c.1817]), Text: Nahum Tate, 170 Arrangement details: Sally Drage
Reference to a recording: While shepherds watched, Christmas Music from English Parish Churches, 1740-1830, Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, Peter Holman: Track 15


[^0]:    Paul McCreesh, Artistic Director
    Charles MacDougall and Emily Dickens, Creative Directors

[^1]:    'Twas to fave Thee, Child, from dying!, Save my Dear from burning Flame, Bitter Groans, and endlef's Crying, That thy blef't Redeemer cant. Mayst Thou live to know \& flair hin, Trust and love him all thy days !
    Then go drivel for ever near him, Ste his Face, and ling his Pili-.

