St Philips Boy's Choir - Angel Voices 3 (1997)

1. Saviour's Day 2. Walking in the Air 3. In Dulci Jubilo 4. White Christmas 5. O Come, All Ye Faithful 6. Away in a Manger 7. God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen 8. In the Bleak Midwinter 9. Mistletoe and Wine 10. O Little Town of Bethlehem 11. The Holly and the Ivy 12. Once in Royal David's City 13. The Christmas Song 14. The First Noel 15. Silent Night 16. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 17. Mary's Boy Child 18. Gaudete 19. When a Child is Born 20. Do You Hear What I Hear?

I just can't get enough of the choirboys from St. Phillips's Church in London! Their new-age album "Libera" and the more traditional "Angel Voices" discs are THE most accessible treble voice recordings on the market. The instrumental backing is very fresh and subtle on Angel Voices III and lets the voices dominate. The music selection is an excellent mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas songs, with some of the classics done to new melodies - "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" sounding wonderfully new and very beautiful. Most of all, however, the boys' voices are just INCREDIBLE! Some of the best treble singing you will ever hear. Many people are only familiar with boys' choirs from the English cathedrals and the Vienna Boys Choir (although Billy Gilman has shown country music fans how good a boy can sing). Well, Angel Voices takes the sound into the recording studio, freshens the arrangements and the accompaniment, and produces music that will appeal more broadly than the traditional boychoir sound. I bought my copy of this CD from Amazon/UK just two weeks ago, and it's by far my favorite holiday CD. You can find the first two albums on Amazon/UK at a very good price. I recommend starting with Vol II. I've played these albums for family and friends, and they are all totally blown-away by the quality of the singing. --- Balto Reader "bils" (Baltimore, MD United States)

Libera is a non-profit all-boy English vocal group directed by Robert Prizeman. Most members come from the parish choir of St. Philip's, Norbury, in South London. The albums, tours and TV appearances they do as Libera are in addition to their regular singing as part of the full choir of men and boys at parish choral services. They come from a variety of backgrounds in the London area, attending many different schools, including local state schools, church schools and performing arts schools. Libera recruits boys from any religious denomination and even those with no religious affiliations. Most join between the ages of seven and ten, however older boys may join if they have the appropriate singing abilities. ---wikipedia

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