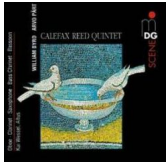


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William Byrd 01. *Senex Puerum Portabat A 5* – Arvo Pärt 02. 7 *Magnificent-Antiphone: O Weisheit* - Kai Wessel 03. 7 *Magnificent-Antiphone: O Adonai* - Kai Wessel 04. 7 *Magnificent-Antiphone: O Spross Aus Isais Wurzel* - Kai Wessel 05. 7 *Magnificent-Antiphone: O Schussel Davids* - Kai Wessel 06. 7 *Magnificent-Antiphone: O Morgenstern* - Kai Wessel 07. 7 *Magnificent-Antiphone: O Konig Aller Volker* - Kai Wessel 08. 7 *Magnificent-Antiphone: O Immanuel* - Kai Wessel

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09. *Magnificent* - Kai Wessel 10. *Senex Puerum Portabat A 4* –

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11. *Arbos* 12. *Summa* 13. *Pari Intervallo*

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14. *Missa A 5: Kyrie* 15. *Missa A 5: Gloria* 16. *Missa A 5: Credo* 17. *Missa A 5: Sanctus*

18. *Missa A 5: Benedictus* 19. *Missa A 5: Agnus Dei*

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