
CD 1

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| 1 | A Recipe for Christmas Pastry: Anon, c.1394 * | 2:35 |
| 2 | Britannia's Housewives Blithe: Romaine Joseph Thorn, 1795 # | 2:28 |
| 3 | The Bird of Dawning: William Shakespeare, <i>Hamlet</i> + | 0:37 |
| 4 | The Reverend Doctor Opimian Soliloquises on Christmas:
T.L. Peacock, <i>Gryll Grange</i> , 1860 • | 1:58 |
| 5 | Yule Log: Robert Herrick # | 0:45 |
| 6 | Christmas Day: Nicholas Breton, <i>Fantastickes</i> , 1626 † | 1:51 |
| 7 | December: John Clare * | 1:09 |
| 8 | Sir Roger de Coverley's Christmas: Addison, <i>The Spectator</i> , No. 269 • | 2:22 |
| 9 | Kids Stuff: Frank Horne + | 0:43 |
| 10 | Christmas: John Betjeman • | 2:36 |
| 11 | from <i>Under the Greenwood Tree</i> : Thomas Hardy, 1872 # | 5:20 |
| 12 | Christmas Invitation Humbly Inscrib'd
to the Honourable BEEF STEAK CLUB: William Barnes, 1848 • | 1:34 |

CHRISTMAS EVE

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| 13 | A Visit from St Nicholas (The Night Before Christmas):
Clement Clark Moore † | 3:07 |
| 14 | All Quiet on the Western Front: Letter from Captain R.J. Armes + | 4:16 |
| 15 | The Oxen: Thomas Hardy •
Carol: In The Bleak Midwinter, Christina Rossetti | 1:42 |

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CHRISTMAS DAY

16	I Saw a Stable: Mary Elizabeth Coleridge *	0:33
17	The Innkeeper's Wife: Clive Sansom *	2:17
18	A Civil Wartime Christmas, 1657: John Evelyn, <i>Diary</i> #	2:17
19	The Boar's Head: William King, <i>The Art of Cookery, In Imitation of Horace's Art of Poetry</i> , 1708 •	1:21
20	A Restoration Christmas: Samuel Pepys, <i>Diary</i> •	2:50
21	Heap On More Wood!: Walter Scott †	1:12
22	Mr Pickwick's Christmas: Charles Dickens, <i>The Pickwick Papers</i> •	4:09
23	Snapdragon: Dulcie M Ashdown (Ed), <i>Christmas Past</i> *	2:07
24	Rectory Christmas: Francis Kilvert, <i>Diary</i> †	3:25
25	Everything and More: Charles Dickens, <i>A Christmas Tree</i> #	2:26
26	The Little Match Girl: Hans Christian Andersen *	7:25
27	The Christmas Tree: C. Day Lewis †	1:45
28	The Finest Festive Feast: Traditional c.1814 *	2:30
29	First Married Christmas: Osa Johnson, <i>I Married Adventure</i> **	6:56

Total time on CD 1: 77:20

CD 2

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| [1] | Dark Oak, Light Candles: Hilaire Belloc, <i>A Remaining Christmas</i> † | 12:35 |
| [2] | Glennie Nell's Roast Christmas Possum:
Ernest Matthew Mickler (1940–1988), <i>White Trash Cooking II</i> ** | 3:23 |
| [3] | Christmas in Wartime: Norman Longmate (Ed), <i>How We Lived Then</i> # | 7:43 |

CURMUDGEONLY CHRISTMASES

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| [4] | Oh Noisy Bells, Be Dumb: John Skinner,
<i>The Journal of a Somerset Rector, 1772–1839</i> • | 1:09 |
| [5] | Gifts are like hooks: Martial, translated by James Michie † | 0:52 |
| [6] | Christmas Not What It Was: Robert Southey, <i>Letter from England, 1807</i> # | 1:25 |
| [7] | Christmas Day in the Workhouse: George R. Sims • | 8.33 |
| [8] | Horrible Heathen Rite: Edmund Gosse, <i>Father and Son, 1907</i> † | 5.29 |

CD 2 (cont.)

PARTYING

- 9] The Christmas Mummers' Play as performed in some of the villages near Lutterworth, Leicestershire in 1863

Notices Illustrative of the Drama in Leicester: William Kelly, 1865

6:27

Dramatis Personae

CAPTAIN SLASHER, in military costume,
with sword and pistol – David Timson

KING OF ENGLAND, in robes, wearing the crown – Peter Jeffrey

PRINCE GEORGE, King's Son, in robes, and sword by his side – Simon Harris

TURKISH CHAMPION, in military attire, with sword and pistol – Simon Harris

A NOBLE DOCTOR – John Moffatt

BEELZEBUB – John Moffatt

A CLOWN – Simon Harris

INTRODUCTIONS – Benjamin Soames

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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| 10 | The Magi – A Sermon preached by Lancelot Andrewes before the King's Majesty at Whitehall on Christmas Day, 1622 • | 6:52 |
| 11 | The Magi: W.B. Yeats, 1914 # | 0:48 |
| 12 | Little Things: Joseph Conrad, <i>Last Essays</i> • | 0:43 |
| 13 | Afterthought: Elizabeth Jennings ## | 1:48 |
| 14 | The Shop of Ghosts: G.K. Chesterton # | 11:11 |
| 15 | Ceremony upon Candlemas Eve: Robert Herrick, 1648 # | 0:30 |
| 16 | Ceremony for Candlemas Day: Robert Herrick, 1648 # | 0:27 |
| 17 | Ring Out, Wild Bells: Alfred, Lord Tennyson • | 3:13 |

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Read by Peter Jeffrey

• Read by John Moffatt

† Read by David Timson

* Read by Susan Engel

+ Read by Simon Harris

** Read by Liza Ross,

Read by Benjamin Soames