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1. Commentaries 2. Vaughan Williams - *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* 3. Ireland - *These Things Shall Be* 4. Delius - *The Walk to the Paradise Garden* 5. Walton - *Belshazzar's Feast* Jonathan Lemalu - baritone Chorus of Wales London Brass BBC National Orchestra Tadaaki Otaka – conductor

Tadaaki Otaka, a notable enthusiast of British music, opens with Vaughan Williams's much loved classic before revisiting a BBC commission that has fallen into neglect in the half-century since its composer's death: Ireland's *These Things Shall Be* is a mini-oratorio with a utopian text.

The massed choirs and the commanding bass baritone of former BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artist Jonathan Lemalu return after the interval to animate Walton's brazen Old Testament tale, but first we hear from another anniversary composer, here at his most poignant.

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