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1- J Strauss II-Nonnenchor (from Casanova) 2- Gounod-O Divine Redeemer 3- Verdi-Va, pensiero (from Nabucco) 4- Mendelssohn-Hear My Prayer 5- Beethoven-Hallelujah 6- Bach & Gounod-Ave Maria 7- Mascagni-Regina Coeli 8- Franck-Psalm 150 9- Mendelssohn-Auf Flugeln des Gesanges 10- Robertson-Come, Come, Ye Saints 11- Rodgers-Hammerstein-You'll Never Walk Alone 12- Bishop-Home Sweet Home (sung in Maori) 13- Rodgers-Hammerstein-Climb Every Mountain Kiri Te Kanawa – soprano Mormon Tabernacle Choir Utah Symphony Orchestra Julius Rudel – conductor

I brought this after watching (And taping) her 1989 Mormon Tabernacle Temple concert on PBS in 1992, and I have to said, this is one of my favorite Kiri recordings ever. It's still is!

There's some great selections on there that Kiri fans will enjoy, such as the Cavalleria Easter Hymn, Auf Flugeln Des Gesanges, Home Sweet Home sung in her native Maori (Dame Kiri herself is half-Maori), as well as some that doesn't appear on PBS (Such as the rarely-heard Nuns' Chorus, the Nabucco Va Pensiero, and Hear My Prayer sung in English).

Although the CD is recorded live, as the booklet notes stated, portions are topped and tailed in a separated studio session, to give the CD a studio-like recording. I do enjoy it so often. Now, only if the video of that concert is released commercially, so we can pleased it a lot. --- Mike Smith, amazon.com

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