



[Not no faceless Angel](#) [Choral music by Gabriel Jackson](#) [New CD release on Hyperion, June 2009](#)

'If you have any interest in how choral music might sound as the 21st century progresses you will want to note Gabriel Jackson's name.'

Steven Whitehead, Cross Rhythms

'He knows he has something to say, and he says it with directness and clarity.'

The Times

OUP house composer Gabriel Jackson has been steadily building a reputation over the last two decades as one of Britain's leading choral composers. He has been described by The Guardian as 'today's successor to Herbert Howells . . . a composer who manages to refer reverentially to music from the early Tudor period to late Stravinsky and beyond and yet stays completely in the present in his search for the transcendent.'

Not no faceless Angel features eleven of Jackson's works written between 1990 and 2007, seven of which are world premiere recordings. All are performed by Polyphony, conducted by Stephen Layton.

The disc has received high critical acclaim, with BBC Online writing that 'the sopranos throughout represent the icing on the musical cake with their gloriously luminous, pure tone. Technical stuff out the way, this performance also satisfies the soul; Polyphony effortlessly evoke the music's transcendent qualities in a performance awash with holy reverence. This is music and a performance that takes the ears and the mind heavenwards, whatever you believe.'

In BBC Music Magazine, Terry Blain writes: '[Not no faceless Angel] is triumphantly holistic in its impact, with some soaring, ecstatic soprano writing particularly catching the ear, and a wistful, touchingly deployed harmonic scheme etching out the poem's emotions.'

Track listing:

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| 1. To Morning | 7. Not no faceless Angel |
| 2. Song (I gaze upon you) | 8. O sacrum convivium |
| 3. Cecilia Virgo | 9. Lux mortuorum |
| 4. Orbis patrator optime | 10. Salve regina |
| 5. Ave Maria | 11. Salve regina 2 |
| 6. Hymn to the Trinity 'Honor, virtus et potestas' | |

The sheet music for many of the works on the CD is published by OUP and available to purchase.

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