

# **The Gift of Christmas**

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So how does an artist create a fresh look at old Christmas classics, well why not find out by listening to this 8 track album by **Joseph Nimoh**, I have listened to this a few times now and it has me encapsulated within its beauty, it is called **The Gift Of Christmas**.

We start with an almost film score version of **Away In A Manger**, this is quite an incredible arrangement, it has elements of many styles within it. The strings really give it both width and depth, a soundtrack essence is also there, even a slight hint of a jazz ethic too, in a totally fascinating start to the release.

The second of our instrumental and piano pieces is up next and called **Angels We Have Heard**, I am once more staggered to my roots; this is stunningly beautiful and incredibly well performed. The colourful musical narrative created by the multi instrumentational nature of the piece, literally breathes fresh life into the composition.

If you're thinking, oh no, not another Christmas album, I want you to trust me on this, **The Gift Of Christmas** has to be one of the most original and best performed of its type I have heard for decades, it offers so much more, like Nimoh's version of **O Holy Night**, a mixture of jazz and neo classical, the notes literally fly from the page into your heart, this is so enjoyable to listen to.

**O Come All Ye Faithful** is up next and once more this time worn tune gets same lavish treatment from the artist. Whilst Nimoh's piano is the grounding narrative, it wends its sweet jazzy ethic around a theatrical string section in a moment of piano and symphonic genius.

Nimoh also offers up the four solo piano versions of the Christmas faithful tracks you have been gifted thus far, and of course all performed with the masterful touch of a man who clearly knows his skill set and his passion for quality performing and arranging.

Christmas music has never been given such a happy and cheer filled makeover, each and every arrangement on this release is truly special and a pure pleasure to listen to many times over. **Joseph Nimoh** has birthed **The Gift Of Christmas** with the perfect sense of originality and class that it needed, and as such created probably one of the most charming Christmas based albums I have heard for many a year.