

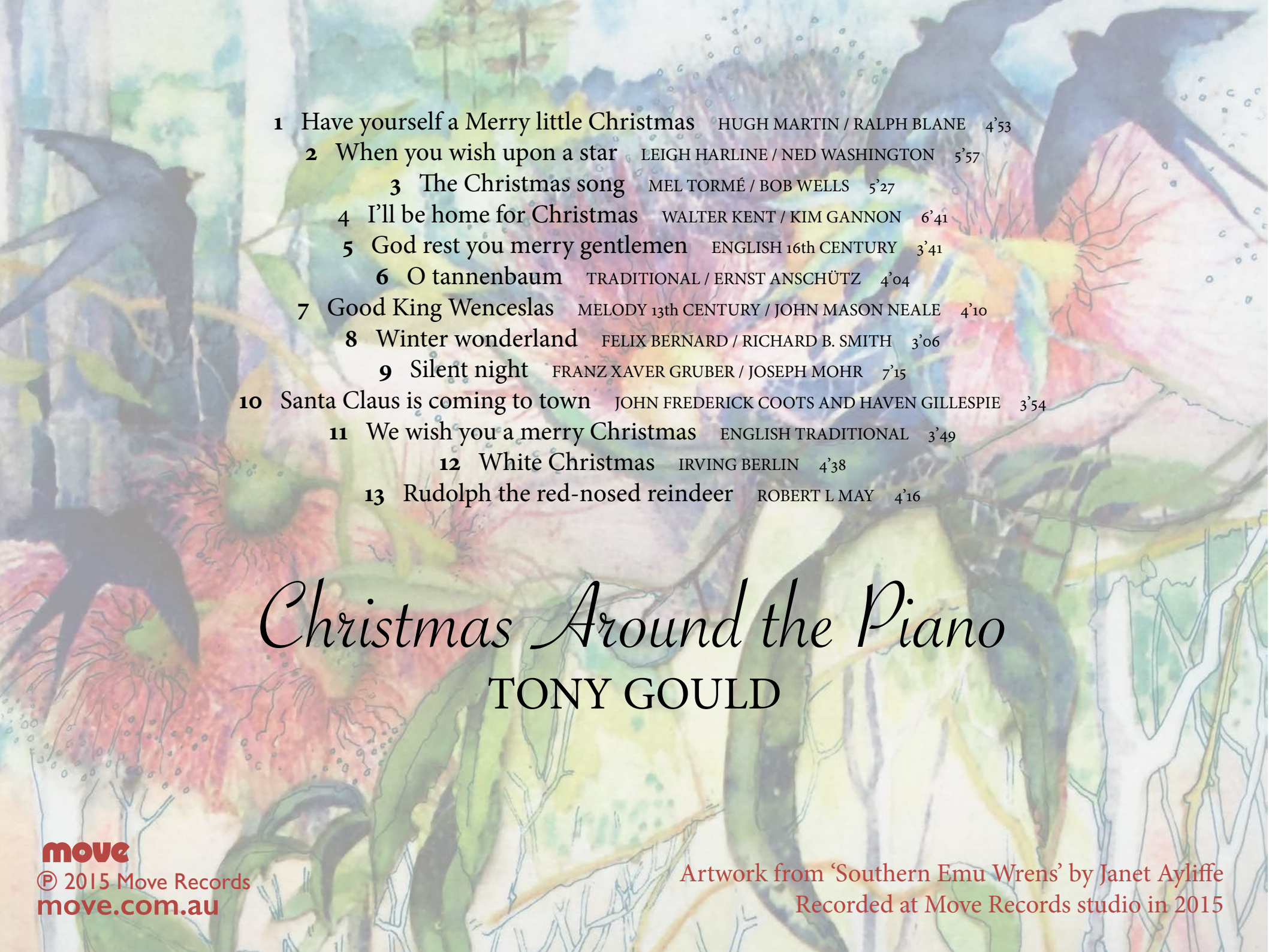
# *Christmas Around the Piano*

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REFLECTIVE IMPROVISED SONGS AND CAROLS FOR SOLO PIANO

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- The background of the entire page is a watercolor illustration. It features several Southern Emu Wrens in flight, their dark bodies and wings contrasting against a soft, painterly background of green foliage and large, vibrant flowers in shades of pink, red, and yellow. The style is delicate and artistic, typical of Janet Ayliffe's work.
- 1 Have yourself a Merry little Christmas HUGH MARTIN / RALPH BLANE 4'53
  - 2 When you wish upon a star LEIGH HARLINE / NED WASHINGTON 5'57
  - 3 The Christmas song MEL TORMÉ / BOB WELLS 5'27
  - 4 I'll be home for Christmas WALTER KENT / KIM GANNON 6'41
  - 5 God rest you merry gentlemen ENGLISH 16th CENTURY 3'41
  - 6 O tannenbaum TRADITIONAL / ERNST ANSCHÜTZ 4'04
  - 7 Good King Wenceslas MELODY 13th CENTURY / JOHN MASON NEALE 4'10
  - 8 Winter wonderland FELIX BERNARD / RICHARD B. SMITH 3'06
  - 9 Silent night FRANZ XAVER GRUBER / JOSEPH MOHR 7'15
  - 10 Santa Claus is coming to town JOHN FREDERICK COOTS AND HAVEN GILLESPIE 3'54
  - 11 We wish you a merry Christmas ENGLISH TRADITIONAL 3'49
  - 12 White Christmas IRVING BERLIN 4'38
  - 13 Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer ROBERT L MAY 4'16

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Artwork from 'Southern Emu Wrens' by Janet Ayliffe  
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This collection of songs (here without words) are pieces normally associated with Christmas. But a good tune is a good tune, so for me they should be played / heard whenever one feels like it.

Most of the tunes I remember in some form or other when I was a kid, played/sung by mum or dad on our very dodgy wooden framed upright piano. They learned and played them 'by ear' as they say; not one piece of sheet music in our house! But a lot of music.

My 'hopeless' romanticism compels me never to hurry through music, consequently these improvised versions are deliberately reflective. In that sense they invoke memories of family and friends in early years, but a reminder also that music is always a living breathing art form. Hope you always enjoy some peaceful and musical times.

TONY GOULD, 2015



