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Eternity's Sunrise

The Academy of Ancient Music, Paul Goodwin

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I have so much enjoyed working with The Academy of Ancient Music and we have together produced what seems to me a very interesting disc. In one sense, all of this music confronts Death, Love, and Eternity: death of a beloved father in *Funeral Canticle*; Sappho's exquisite longings for her love in *Sappho: Lyrical Fragments*; and Seferis showing his long Odyssean voyage on rotten timbers to those islands ever so slightly out of reach in *Petra*. And, then, the mystery of Eternity: Blake's *Eternity's Sunrise* and the *Song of the Angel*. In the words of St. Isaac the Syrian: "When we reach love, we have reached God; our road is ended and we have crossed to the Island which is beyond the world."

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Artists

- Academy of Ancient Music
- Paul Goodwin
Conductor
- Andrew Manze
Violin
- Patricia Rozario
Soprano
- George Mosley
Baritone

Composers

- John
Tavener

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- **Song of the Angel** (4'49)
- **Petra: A Ritual Dream** (10'29)
- **Sappho: Lyrical Fragments** (14'31)
- **Funeral Canticle** (23'54)