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Why we need your support

By supporting the Orchestra which is a registered charity, you will help it to develop its repertoire and to keep improving playing standards. We also wish to expand its reach into the community.

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