

I have a slightly off-topic offering which I hope will cheer everyone up: a jolly piece by Haydn - not Franz Joseph or Michael Haydn, but the British Light Music Composer, Haydn Wood - you might remember part of "Horseguards Whitehall" as the theme tune from "Down Your Way" on Radio 4 (with Brian Johnston).

Haydn Wood (1882-1959) was a Yorkshireman who studied composition at the RCM with Charles Villiers Stanford. He also wrote "Roses of Picardy" among other things.

I think those British Light Music composers - including Eric Coates, Robert Farnon, Frederic Curzon, Ronald Binge among others, came up with some beautiful stuff.

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