

If your wife told you at 03:00 that she had something to tell you, was persuaded with some diplomacy to postpone the news until breakfast and then, over the ginger tea, told you that she was the bearer of a gift of CDs from the Mellor household, would your heart not sing? Indeed it would, and it did. Anticipating such generosity, one thinks in terms of two, or three, or possibly (on an auspicious day) half a dozen recordings but never a dozen, or two dozen, or three dozen, or in this case, one short of five dozen. Nevertheless, each one will be catalogued, stored (when we've had some more shelves built) and played often. Thank you.