



*Maria Callas*

The music accompanying the New Year Gift 2014 is Franz Schubert's "Ave Maria", a composition he wrote in 1825 as part of his Opus 52, a setting of seven songs from Walter Scott's epic poem "The Lady of the Lake", arranged for piano by Franz Liszt.

You'll hear the breathtaking voice of the American-born Greek soprano Maria Callas (1923—1977) at the height of her career. Although this track was recorded many decades ago, it is still considered by many as one of the best interpretations of "Ave Maria" ever.

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