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The first half of the concert explores two other great legends; Saint Wenceslas in Joseph Suk's beautiful work for strings and the Arthurian Legend in Arnold Bax's sumptuous tone-poem Tintagel.

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