

King George V

Audio Guide transcript of National Sound Archive recording

This broadcast from 1932 was typical of George V's ability to appeal directly to his subjects in a fatherly manner which earned him enormous popularity by the time of his Silver Jubilee in 1935.

‘Through one of the marvels of modern science, I am enabled this Christmas Day, to speak to all my peoples throughout the Empire. I take it as a good omen that wireless should have reached its present perfection at a time when the Empire has been linked in closer union. For it offers us immense possibilities to make that union closer still. I speak now from my home and from my heart to you all. To men and women, so cut off by the snows, the desert, or the sea, that only voices out of the air can reach them.’