

In the Bleak Midwinter

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1. In the bleak mid win - ter, fros - ty wind made moan,
 2. God, hea - ven can - not hold him, nor the earth sus - tain;
 3. An - gels and arch an - gels may have ga - thered there,
 4. What can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone.
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign.
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air.
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb.

Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, — snow — on — snow,
 In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed: the
 But his mo - ther on - ly, in her mai - den bliss,
 If I were a wise — man, — I would do my part. Yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long, — long a go.
 Lord — God al - migh - ty, Je - - us Christ.
 wor - shipped the be - lo - ved with - - a kiss.
 what I can I give him: give — him my heart.

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In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow_ on_ snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long_ long ago. ...("God")
3 beats at end, then 'God' on 4th

God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor the earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed; *(The)*
The Lord_ God Almighty, Je___ - sus Christ.
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(men, melody)

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim throng-ed the air;
(women, melody)

But His mother only, in her maiden bliss, *(no breath)*
Worshipped the beloved with___ a kiss.
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(solo) What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

(tutti) If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; (Yet)

Yet what I can, I give Him: give_ him my heart.
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