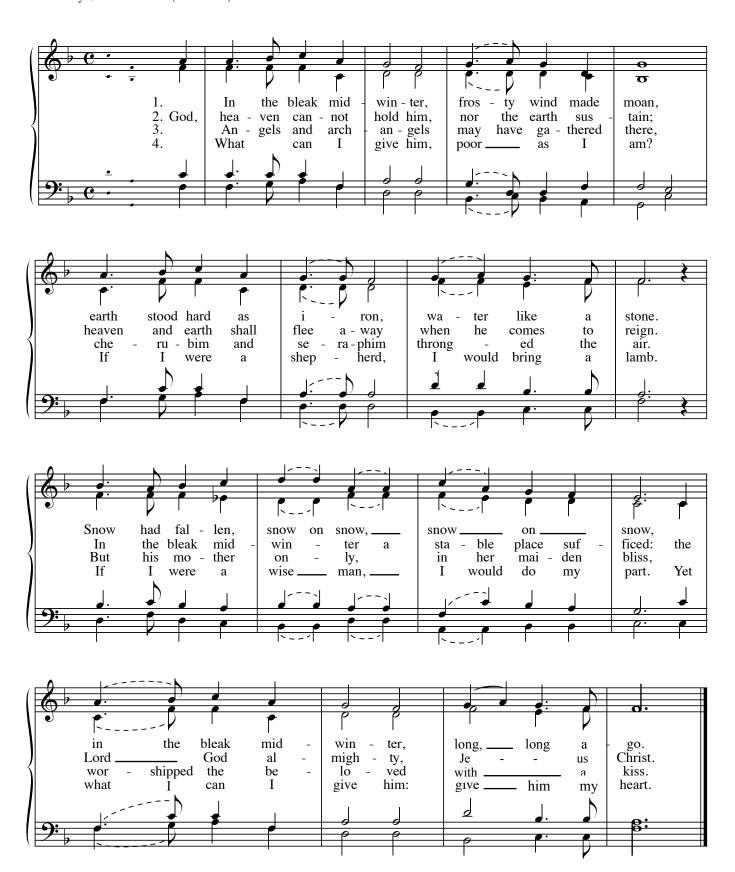
In the Bleak Midwinter

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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")

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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.

(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.

(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.