

In the Bleak Midwinter



a Carol for unaccompanied SATB

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For Emma Wragg.

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TEXT

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 ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830-94)


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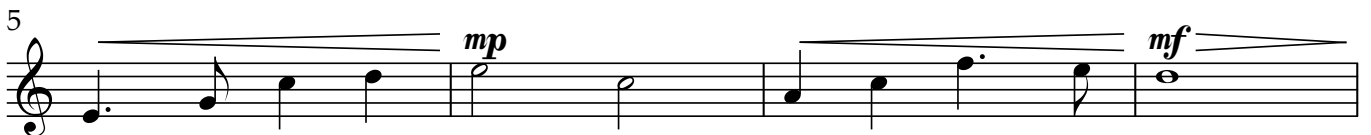
Andante e espressivo ♩ = 84

SOPRANO




1. In the bleak mid - win - ter Fro - sty wind made moan,

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S. Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;

9



S. Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow_ on_ snow._____

13



S. In the bleak mid - win - ter Long_ a - go.

17 *mp* 2

S. *mp*
2. Our God, Heav'n can - not hold him Nor earth sus - tain;

A. *mp*
2. Our God, Heav'n can - not hold him Nor earth sus - tain;

T. *mp*
2. Our God, Heav'n can - not hold him Nor earth sus - tain;

B. *mp*
2. Our God, Heav'n can - not hold him Nor earth sus - tain;

Pno.

22 *p* *mp* *mf*

S. *p* *mp* *mf*
Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way When he comes to reign:

A. *p* *mp* *mf*
Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way When he comes to reign:

T. *p* *mp* *mf*
Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way When he comes to reign:

B. *p* *mp* *mf*
Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way When he comes to reign:

Pno.

mp

S. In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf - ficed The

mp

A. In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble suf - ficed The

mp

T. In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble suf - ficed The

mp

B. In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble suf - ficed The

Pno.

p

S. Lord God Al - migh - ty Je - sus Christ.

p

A. Lord God Al - migh - ty Je - sus Christ.

p

T. Lord God Al - migh - ty Je - sus Christ.

p

B. Lord God Al - migh - ty Je - sus Christ.

Pno.

34

S. *p*

A. *p*

T. *mp*

B. *mp*

Pno.

3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have ga-thered there,

3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have ga-thered there,

38

S. *mp*

A. *mp*

T. *mf* *f*

B. *mf* *f*

Pno.

Che - ru - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;

Che - ru - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;

42

S. *p* But his mo - ther on - ly, *mp* in her mai - den bliss, _____

A. *p* *mm,* _____ *mp* *mm* _____

T. *p* *mm* _____

B. *p* *mm* _____

Pno.

46 *Solo*
mp

S. Wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with _____ a kiss.

poco meno mosso ♩ = 72

50 *Tutti*

pp

S. 4. What can I give him, Poor as I am?

A. 4. What can I give him, Poor as I am?

T. 4. What can I give him, Poor as I am?

B. 4. What can I give him, Poor as I am?

Pno.

54

S. *p* If I were a shep - herd *mp* I would bring a lamb,

A. *p* If I were a shep - herd *mp* I would bring a lamb,

T. *p* If I were a shep - herd *mp* I would bring a lamb,

B. *p* If I were a shep - herd *mp* I would bring a lamb,

Pno.

58

p *mp* *pp*

S. If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, Yet

A. If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, Yet

T. If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, Yet

B. If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, Yet

Pno.

62

mf

S. what I can I give him, Give my heart,

A. what I can I give him, Give my heart,

T. what I can I give him, Give my heart,

B. what I can I give him, Give my heart,

Pno.

66 *mp* *mf* *molto rit.* *pp* 8

S. give my heart, give my heart.

A. give my heart, give my heart.

T. give my heart, give my heart.

B. give my heart, give my heart.

Pno.