

In the Bleak Midwinter

Christina Rossetti 1872, Gustav Holst 1906

♩=120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols (F, Dm, Gm, Bb, C, C7) are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are: "In the bleak mid-winter fros-ty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone; Snow had fal-len, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter, long a go."

In the bleak mid - win - ter fros - ty wind made moan, _____
Earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow _____ on _____ snow,
In the bleak mid - win - ter, long _____ a _____ go.

Our God, heavn' cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heavn' and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ

Enough for him whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breastful of milk, and a manger full of hay;
Enough for him whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

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 give him: give my heart.