

# In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst  
(1874-1934)

Sustain notes within the chords regardless of simplified notation.  
If singing additional verses some extra notes may be sung but need not be played.

Christina Rossetti  
(1830-1894)

1 C 4 Am Dm G

In the bleak mid - win - ter Fros - ty wind made moan,

5 C 4 Am F G C

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

9 F 4 Am C G

Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow \_\_\_\_\_ on snow,

13 C 4 Am F G C

In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long \_\_\_\_\_ a - go

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
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 mangerful 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 only His mother  
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.

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Comments

- Bar 17 onward is a continuation from first verse with more activity in the arrangement. I arranged the score in this way to allow for holiday singing or for beginners to stay on the first page only.

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