

# In the bleak midwinter

A christmas carol - Weihnachtslied

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: In the bleak mid-winter, 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 mid-winter, long a-go.

Chords: G, Em, Am, C, D, G, Em, C, D7, G, C, C, Em, G, D, G, Em, C, D, G.

1. In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter,  
Long ago.

2. 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 incarnate,  
Jesus Christ.

3. Enough for him, whom Cherubim  
Worship night and day  
A breast full of milk  
And a manger full of hay.  
Enough for him, whom angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.

4. 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.

5. 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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