

In the bleak midwinter

A christmas carol - Weihnachtslied

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

The image shows the musical score for the Christmas carol 'In the bleak midwinter'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below each staff. The melody is simple and characteristic of the carol.

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.

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	