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David, Benjamin, Simon, and Maisy

## In the Bleak Midwinter

Soprano Descant and SATB *divisi*, a cappella

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**Gently moving** ♩ = 84  
*mp*

Soprano  
*S I only*  
Oo

Alto  
*p*  
Oo

Tenor  
*mp*  
Oo

Bass  
*mp*  
*B I only* Oo *+B II*

Keyboard  
*(for rehearsal only)*

Text: Christina Rossetti, 1830–1894, and written ca. 1872, *alt.* (PD).

Tune: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934, and written in 1906 (PD).

Setting: Matthew Culloton (ASCAP), newly composed, and copyright © 2020 Birnamwood with this publication.

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5 *+S II*  
*mf*

In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan;

*mp*

In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan;

*mp*

In the bleak mid - win - ter, wind made moan;

*mp*

In the bleak mid - win - ter, wind made moan;

9

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone; snow

13

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,

*mf*

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,

*mf*

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow, in

*mp*

— had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow, in

13

17

*mp*

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.

*mp*

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go. Our

*mp*

the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.

*mf*

the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go. Our

17

21 *mp*

nor earth sus - tain;

God, heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;

*mp*

Nor earth sus -

God, heav'n can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;

21

25 *, p*

shall flee a - way when he comes to

heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to

tain; when he comes to

heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to

25

28 *mf*  
 reign: \_\_\_\_\_ Oh \_\_\_\_\_  
*mf*  
 reign, — to — reign: \_\_\_\_\_ Oh \_\_\_\_\_  
*mf*  
 reign: \_\_\_\_\_ Oh \_\_\_\_\_  
*f espr.*  
 reign: \_\_\_\_\_ in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf -

28  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

32 *mp*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God al - might - y, Je - sus  
*mp*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord God al - might - y, — Je - sus—  
*mp*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord God al - might - y, — Je - sus—  
*mf*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ficed the Lord — God al - might - y, Je - sus

32  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

36

*p* *mp*

S I Christ. An - gels and arch - an - gels

*p* *mp*

S II Christ. An - gels and arch - an - gels

*p* *mp*

A Christ. An gels and arch - an gels may

*p delicately*

T Christ. Oo

*p*

B Christ.

39

may have gath - ered there; cher - u - bim and

may have gath - ered there; cher - u - bim and

have gath - ered, gath - ered there; cher - u - bim and

(Oo)

39

42

ser - a - phim thronged the air;

ser - a - phim thronged the air;

ser - a - phim thronged the air;

(Oo) *mp* *Hmm* *mp*

42 *Hmm*

45

but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,

but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,

but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,

(*Hmm*) *Hmm* *Oh* *p* *mp* *p*

(*Hmm*) *Hmm* *Oh*

45

49

wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a

wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a

wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a

*mp* wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a

*mp* wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a

wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a

52 *Soprano Descant (Solo or Small Group)* **Warm, rich** *f espr.*

What can I give him, poor as I

kiss. What can I give him, poor as I

kiss. Oh, what can I give him, poor as I

kiss. Oh, what can I give him, poor, poor

kiss. Oh, what can I give him, poor, poor

**Warm, rich**

56  
am? \_\_\_\_\_ If I were a shep - herd, I \_\_\_\_\_ would bring a

56  
am? If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a

56  
am? \_\_\_\_\_ If I were a shep - herd, I \_\_\_\_\_ would bring a

56  
as I am? \_\_\_\_\_ If I were a shep - herd, \_\_\_\_\_ I would bring a

56  
as I am? If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a

60  
lamb; \_\_\_\_\_ if I were a wise man, I would do my

60  
lamb; \_\_\_\_\_ if I were a wise man, I would do my

60  
lamb; \_\_\_\_\_ if I were a wise \_\_\_\_\_ man, I \_\_\_\_\_ would do \_\_\_\_\_ my

60  
lamb; \_\_\_\_\_ if I were a wise man, I \_\_\_\_\_ would do my

60  
lamb; \_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_ I were a wise man, I would do my

64 *mf*  
 part; yet what I can I give him: give my  
 part; yet what I can I give him: give my  
 part; yet what I can I give him: give my  
 part; yet what I can I give him: give my  
 part; yet what I can I give him: give my  
 part; yet what I can I give him: give my

68 *poco rall. e dim. mp*  
 heart. I give my heart.  
 heart.  
 heart. *mp* Oo I give my heart.  
 heart. *mp* Oo give my heart.  
 heart. *mp* Oo my heart.  
 68 *poco rall. e dim.*