

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

ARRANGEMENT FOR 4 CLARINETS

MUSIC : GUSTAV HOLST (1874-1934)

LYRICS : CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (1830-1894)

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Molto Moderato $\text{♩} = 48$

Clarinettes en Sib

mp dolce, 2x : pp sempre al fine

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL.



i.

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 ago.

ii.

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.

iii.

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.

iv.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air ;
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshiped the Beloved
With a kiss.

v.

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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