

In the bleak mid-winter

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Verse 2 only

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Verse 2 & 4

Chord symbols: F, Gmin7, F, Dsus4, Dmin, Gmin, D7, Gmin, Aaug, Gmin7, C7, F, Dsus4, F, Dsus4, Dmin, Bb6, Bbmaj7, C7, F, Bb, F, Bb, Adim, Bb, Dmin, F, Amin, Bbmaj7, C, F, Gmin7, F, Dsus4, Dmin, Bb6, Bbmaj7, C7, F.

In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter, long ago.

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 Almighty, Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

Christina Rossetti