

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

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1. In the bleak mid-winter Frost-y wind made moan,

2. Our God, heav'n can-not hold him, Nor earth sus-tain;
 3. E-nough for him, whom Cher-u-bim Wor-ship night and day, A
 4. An-gels and Arch-an-gels May have gath-er'd there,
 5. What can I give him, Poor as I am .

Earth stood hard as Ir-on, Wa-ter like a stone;

2. Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way When he comes to reign:
 3. breast-ful of milk And a man-ger-ful of hay; E-
 4. Cher-u-bim and Ser-a-phim Throng'd the air, But
 5. If I were a shep-herd I would bring a lamb; .

Snow had fal-len, snow on snow, Snow on snow,

2. In the bleak mid-win-ter A sta-ble place suf-fic'd The
 3. -nough for him, whom An-gels Fall down be-fore, The
 4. on-ly his moth-er In her maid-en bliss .
 5. If I were a wise man I would do my part Yet

In the bleak mid-winter, Long a-go.

2. Lord God al-might-y Je-sus Christ.
 3. ox and ass and cam-el Which a-dore.
 4. Wor-shipp'd the Bel-o-vèd With a kiss.
 5. what I can I give him Give my heart.

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