## IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

## ARRANGEMENT FOR 4 CLARINETS

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LYRICS: CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (1830-1894)

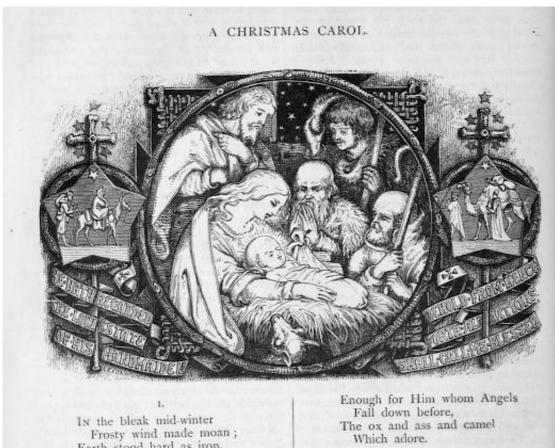
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In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

11.

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.

111.

Enough for Him whom Cherubim Worship night and day, A breastful of milk And a mangerful of hay; 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.

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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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