

# IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

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## LYRICS

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### VERSE 1

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.

### VERSE 2

Our God, Heavn 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.

### VERSE 3

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.

### VERSE 4

**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 Him my heart.**

### ZECHARIAH 2: 10-11 Prophecy Words of God:

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and  
**I will dwell in your midst," says the LORD.**

Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My  
people.

**And I will dwell in your midst.**

Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you."