

# IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER OTEN Easy Music

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**MUSIC SHEET for Arrangement by:** [www.DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com](http://www.DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com) / HYMNS  
 4/4 time (pu = 0 ) using **OTEN** EASY Music Notation Method  
 TEMPO: 96 BPM Public Domain, both lyrics & 1906 melody

**VERSES** Osborne TExt-Based Notation (OTEN) -- see website tab for full explanation

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	<b>F</b>								<b>Am</b>				<b>Dm</b>			
1a	In		the		bleak		mid-		win-				ter,			
<i>melody</i>	<sup>^</sup> A		- Bb		<sup>^</sup> C		A		G				F			

	<b>Bb</b>								<b>Gm</b>				<b>C</b>			
1b	frost-		-y		wind		made		moan,							
<i>melody</i>	G		-A		G		vD		<sup>^</sup> G							

	<b>F</b>								<b>Dsus { D F G }</b>				<b>Dm</b>			
1c	Earth		stood		hard		as		i-				ron,			
<i>melody</i>	<sup>^</sup> A		- Bb		<sup>^</sup> C		A		G				F			

	<b>Gm</b>				<b>C</b>				<b>F</b>							
1d	wa-		-ter		like				stone.							
<i>melody</i>	G		-A		G				F							

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	<b>Gm</b>								<b>Bb</b>				<b>Dm</b>			
1e	Snow		had		fall-		en,		snow		on		snow;			
<i>melody</i>	<sup>^</sup> Bb		- A		Bb		<sup>^</sup> C		<sup>^</sup> D		D		vA			

	<b>F</b>				<b>Gm</b>				<b>C</b>							
1f	snow				on				snow.							
<i>melody</i>	<sup>^</sup> C		A		G		F		E							

	<b>F</b>								<b>Dsus</b>				<b>Dm</b>			
1g	In		the		bleak		mid-		win-				ter,			
<i>melody</i>	<sup>^</sup> A		- Bb		<sup>^</sup> C		A		G				F			

	<b>Bb</b>				<b>C</b>				<b>F</b>							
1h	Lon-				(-ong)		ag-		o.						>Vs 2 (OUR)	
<i>melody</i>	G		A		G		- F		F						( <sup>^</sup> A)	

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
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## **LYRICS**

NOTE: Verse 4 is often used as an OFFERING RESPONSE in church services....  
a PRAYER of thanks and dedication to our LORD God.

### **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, Heav'n 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,  
Worshiped 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."