





CHRISTMAS

Christina G. Rossetti, 1830-94.

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.

- 2 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.
- 3 Enough for him, whom Cherubim
 Worship night and day,
 A breastful of milk,
 And a mangerful of hay;
 Enough for him, whom Angels
 Fall down before,
 The ox and ass and camel
 Which adore.
- 4 Angels and Archangels
 May have gathered there,
 Cherubim and Seraphim
 Thronged the air—
 But only his mother
 In her maiden bliss
 Worshipped the Beloved
 With a kiss.
- 5. What can I give him
 Pcor as I am?
 If I wore 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.

