

204. In the bleak midwinter



Concert key:	F major
Chords key:	F major (concert)
Structure:	4 verses

Verse 1:

F Dm Gm Gm⁷ C⁷
In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
F Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ F F⁷
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
B^b F⁷ B^b Dm F Gm C
snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,
F Dm Gm⁷ C F
in the bleak midwinter long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor the earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed
God, the Lord Almighty, Jesus Christ.

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.

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.