

Alto

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In the bleak midwinter

Adapted for recorders

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A slow two in a bar

8 1. In mid - win - ter wind made moan, Earth stood hard as ir - on,
14 wa - ter like a stone, — Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
20 in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go. Heav'n can - not hold him
26 nor earth sus - tain, Heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign, —
32 In mid - win - ter a sta - ble the Lord God al³ - migh - ty,
39 Je - sus Christ. Him whom Che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a breast - ful of
45 milk and a man - ger - ful of hay, — e - nough for him whom an - gels fall be -
51 fore, — the ox and ass — and ca - mel, which a - dore. 4. An - gels, arch -
58 an - gels ga - thered there, Che - ru - bim and Se - ra - phim thronged the air — but
64 op - ly his mo - ther_f in her mai - den bliss wor - shipped the be - lo - ved
71 with a kiss. 5. What can I give him, poor I am? If I were a
76 shep - herd, I would bring a lamb. — If I were a
wise — man yet what I can I³ give him: give my heart.