IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

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In the bleak mid winter, icy wind made moan

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Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone

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Snow on snow had fall en, snow on snow on snow

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In the bleak midwinter, long and long ago

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Angels and archangels, may have gathered there.

Cherubim and seraphim rising in the air.

Oh but only Mary in her maiden bliss

Worshipped the beloved with a mother's kiss.

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*Heaven cannot hold Him, nor can earth sustain*

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*Heaven and earth shall fall away when He comes to reign*

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What then can I give Him, empty as I am

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb

If I were a wise man, I would know my part

What then can I give Him, I must give my heart

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