In the Bleak Midwinter

Text by Christina Georgina Rosetti
(1830-1894)

Music by Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

Arranged by Valerie Shields

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,

Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;

* A flute or a violin may be used in place of an oboe.
Optional string parts available from publisher.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak winter, Long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, Nor earth sustain__

For Perusal Only
Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way When he comes to reign;

In the bleak mid-winter A stable place sufficed The

Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.
An - gels and arch - an - gels May have ga - thered there.

Cher - u - bun and ser - a-phim Throng - éd the air;

*The oboe may double the descant, as indicated in the score or enter at m. 52.
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,

Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.
Ah, What can I give Him, Poor as I
Descant tacet
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.