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For SATB a cappella  
Duration: ca. 3:50

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(♩ = ca. 88)  
div. *mf*

Soprano *mp* unis. *mp*  
Long a - go, \_\_\_\_\_ long a - go.

Alto *mf* *mp*  
Long a - go, long a - go.

Tenor *mf* *mp*  
Long a - go, long a - go.

Bass *mf* *mp*  
Long a - go.

Piano (For rehearsal only)  
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1. In the bleak mid - win - ter Frost - y wind made moan,

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*mp*

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Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone; Snow had fal - len,

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snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid - win - ter,

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snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid - win - ter,

snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid - win - ter,

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Long a - go. *mf* Oo

Long a - go, long a - go. *div.* *unis. mf* 2. Our God, heav'n can - not

Long, long a - go. *mf* Oo

Long. *mf* Oo

19

Oo

hold him, Nor earth sus - tain; Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way

Oo

Oo

23

Oo

When he comes to reign. In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble place suf -

Oo

Oo

28

div.

Ah

-ficed The Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.

Ah

Ah

33

unis. *f*

An - gels and Arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there,

*f*

An - gels and Arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there, \_\_\_\_\_

*f*

An - gels and Arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there, \_\_\_\_\_

*f*

An - gels and Arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there, \_\_\_\_\_

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*mp*

Cher - u-bim and Ser - a-phim Thronged the air. Oo \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

Cher - u-bim and Ser - a-phim Thronged the air. Oo \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

Cher - u-bim and Ser - a-phim Thronged the air. But on - ly his

*mp*

Cher - u-bim and Ser - a-phim Thronged the air. Oo \_\_\_\_\_

42

moth - er In her maid-en bliss Wor-shipped the Be - lov - ed

47

div. *p* unis. *p*

Oo Long a - go.

Oo Long a - go.

With a kiss. Long a-go, long a - go.

Long a-go.

52

*mp*

Oo

*mp*

Oo

*mp*

Oo

*mp*

Oo

What\_ can I give him, Poor\_ as I am? If I were a

57

*cresc.*

Oo

*cresc.*

Oo

*cresc.*

Oo

*cresc.*

Oo

shep - herd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man

62



*dim.*  
Oo

*dim.*  
Oo

*dim.*  
Oo

*dim.*  
Oo

I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him:

67

*mf*  
If I were a wise man I would do my

*mf*  
If I were a wise man I would do my

*mf*  
If I were a wise man I would do my

*mf*  
Give my heart. If I were a wise man I would do my

8

71

div.

part; Yet what I can I give him: \_\_\_\_\_

part; Yet what I can I give him: \_\_\_\_\_

part; Yet what I can I give him: \_\_\_\_\_

part; Yet what I can I give him: \_\_\_\_\_

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unis. *p* *rit.*

heart. Mm

*p* Give my heart. Mm *rit.*

*p* Give my heart, my heart. Mm *rit.*

*p* Give my heart, my heart. Mm *rit.*

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