

Choral Music of Our Time

DOMINIQUE LE GENDRE

Winter Song: Christmas Carol

for mixed choir
(2023)

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Commissioned by Vasari Singers

Duration: c. 4 mins

Text:

The kings they came from out the south,
All dressed in ermine fine;
They bore Him gold and chrysoprase,
And gifts of precious wine.

The shepherds came from out the north,
Their coats were brown and old;
They brought Him little new-born lambs—
They had not any gold.

The wise men came from out the east,
And they were wrapped in white;
The star that led them all the way
Did glorify the night.

The angels came from heaven high,
And they were clad with wings;
And lo, they brought a joyful song
The host of heaven sings.

The kings they knocked upon the door,
The wise men entered in,
The shepherds followed after them
To hear the song begin.

The angels sang through all the night
Until the rising sun,
But little Jesus fell asleep
Before the song was done.

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

Dominique Le Gendre

Winter Song: Christmas Carol

for SATB choir

text by Sara Teasdale

to Jeremy Backhouse and the Vasari Singers

♩ = 72 *Dolce, lyrical*

mf

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

hm - mm mm mm mm mm hm mm mm mm mm The

hm - mm mm mm mm mm hm mm mm mm mm The

hm mm mm mm mm mm mm

8

5

S.

A.

T.

B.

kings they came from out the south, All dressed in er - mine fine; They

kings they came from out the south, All dressed in er - mine fine; They

8 The kings came from the south dressed in er - mine fine; They

9

S.

A.

T.

B.

bore Him gold and chry - so - prase, And gifts of pre - cious wine. And

bore Him gold and chry - so - prase, And gifts of pre - cious wine. And

8 bore Him gold gifts of pre - cious wine. And

mf

They bore Him gold gifts of pre - cious wine. And

13

S. gifts of pre - cious wine.

A. gifts of pre - cious wine.

T. 8 gifts of pre - cious wine. The shep - herds came from out the north, Their

B. gifts of pre - cious wine. The shep - herds came from out the north, Their

17

S. (mf) They brought Him lit - tle new born lambs—

A. (mf) They brought Him lit - tle new born lambs—

T. 8 coats were brown and old; They brought Him lit - tle new born lambs—

B. coats were brown and old; They brought Him lit - tle new born lambs—

21

S. They had not a - ny gold. They had not a - ny gold. *mp*

A. They had not a - ny gold. They had not a - ny gold. The *mp*

T. 8 They had not a - ny gold. They had not a - ny gold.

B. They had not a - ny gold. a - ny gold. The

25

mp *mf*

S. The wise men came wrapped in white;

A. wise men came from out the east, And they were wrapped in white; The

mp *mf*

T. The wise men came wrapped in white;

B. wise men came from out the east, And they were wrapped in white; The

29

sfz

S. The star that led the way Did glo - ri - fy the night. Did

A. star that led them all the way Did glo - ri - fy the night. Did

sfz

T. The star that led the way Did glo - ri - fy the night. Did

B. star that led them all the way Did glo - ri - fy the night. Did

33

mp

S. glo - ri - fy the night. The an - gels came from hea - ven high, And

A. glo - ri - fy the night. The an - gels came from hea - ven high, And

mp

T. glo - ri - fy the night.

B. glo - ri - fy the night.

37 *mf* *f*

S. they were clad with wings; And lo, they brought a joy-ful song The host of hea-ven

A. they were clad with wings; And lo, they brought a joy-ful song The host of hea-ven

42

S. sings. The host of hea-ven sings.

A. sings. The host of hea-ven sings.

T. *mf* The kings they knocked up -

B. *mf* The kings they knocked up -

46 *mp*

T. -on the door, The wise men en-tered in, The shep-herds fol-lowed

B. -on the door, The wise men en-tered in, The shep-herds fol-lowed

50

T. af-ter them to hear the song be-gin. To hear the song be -

B. af-ter them to hear the song be-gin. To hear the song be -

Bright

54 *f*

S. The an - gels sang through all the night 'til the ri - sing

A. *f* The an - gels sang through all the night 'til the ri - sing

T. *f* gin. all the night 'til the ri - sing

B. *f* gin. all the night 'til the ri - sing

58

S. sun, But lit - tle Je - sus fell a - sleep Be - fore the song was

A. sun, But lit - tle Je - sus fell a - sleep Be - fore the song was

T. sun, But lit - tle Je - sus fell a - sleep Be - fore the song was

B. sun, a - sleep Be - fore the song was

A tempo

62 *sfz*

S. done. Be - fore the song was done. hmm mm

A. *sfz* done. Be - fore the song was done. hmm mm

T. *sfz* done. Be - fore the song was done. hmm mm

B. *sfz* done. Be - fore the song was done. hmm mm

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