In the Bleak Midwinter

words by Christina Rosetti (1830-1894)

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1. In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
   earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

2. God, heaven cannot hold him, nor the earth sustain;
   heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.

3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
   cherubim and seraphim through the air.

4. What can I give him, poor as I am?
   If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,

in the bleak mid-winter, long, long ago.
Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

worshipped the beloved with a kiss.
what can I give him: give my heart.