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ABBIE BETINIS

In the Bleak Midwinter

For SATB chorus, s. a. solos, and piano

*Commissioned by Ruth Palmer, Director of Music Ministries,
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CHRISTINA ROSSETTI (v.1)
John Andrew Storey (v.2)
Rosetti / Betinis (v.3, 4)

arr. ABBIE BETINIS
orig. Gustav Holst

Gracefully (♩ = c. 66)

Piano

p *mf* *sub p* *mf*

Alto Solo

5 *poco rit.* ----- *a tempo*
p

In the bleak mid - win - ter frost - y wind made

Pno.

5 *poco rit.* ----- *a tempo*

p

Alto Solo

10
moan, earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;

Pno.

10

15 *mp* *p*

Alto Solo

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid -

Pno.

20 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Alto Solo

win - ter long a - go.

S

A

T

B

poco rit. *a tempo*

Snow on snow, snow on snow,

pp

Snow on snow, snow on

poco rit. *a tempo*

poco rit. *a tempo*

20 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Pno.

mp, glassy

24

mp

S
Christ a home - less

A
snow on _ snow, snow on _ snow, snow on _ snow, snow _ on _ snow,

T
pp
Snow _____ snow on _ snow, _____ on snow,

B
pp
snow on _ snow, on snow, _____

Pno.

28

S
strang - er, so the gos - pels say, cra - dled in a

A
Snow on _ snow, snow on _ snow, snow on _ snow, snow _ on _ snow,

T
Snow on _ snow, _____ Snow on _ snow,

B
_____ Snow on _ snow, Snow on _ snow, _____

Pno.

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39 *mp* *f*

S Ma - ry and her ba - - - by, Je - sus Christ.

A Ma - ry and her ba - - - by, Je - sus Christ.

T 8 Ma - ry and her babe, Ma - ry and her babe, Je - sus Christ.

B Ma - ry and her ba - - - by, Je - sus Christ.

Pno.

43 *mp* *mf*

S An-gels and arch - an - gels _____

A An-gels and arch - an - gels _____

T 8 _____

B *mf* An-gels and arch - an - - - gels May have thronged the

Pno.

48 *mp*

S They may have thronged the air, Shepherds, beasts and wise _____ men,

A _____ *mf* Shepherds, beasts and wise men, May have gath - ered

T *mp* They may have thronged the air, _____ wise men,

B _____ *mp* air, Shepherds, beasts and wise _____ men,

Pno.

52 *p*

S They may have gath - ered Oo... _____ In ___ her ten - der

A _____ *mp* there, Oo... _____ *p* In ___ her ten - der

T *mp* They may have gath - ered Oo... _____ In ___ her ten-der bliss

B *mf* _____ *mp* But on-ly his moth - er In ___ her ten-der bliss

Pno.

57

S
bliss
Blessed this new re - deem - - - er

A
bliss
Blessed him

T
8
Blessed this new re - deem - - - er

B
Blessed this new re - deem - - - er
Blessed this new re -

Pno.
57
p

61

S
With a kiss. Mm...

A
Mm... Mm... Mm... Mm...
Mm... Mm...

T
8
With a

B
deem - - - er

Pno.
61
molto

64 *espressivo mf*

Sop. Solo
What can I give you, ——— poor as I am?

Alto Solo
What can I give you, ——— poor as I am?

S
mf ——— *p*
Mm...

A
mf ——— *p*
Mm...

T
f ——— *p*
kiss. Mm...

B
mf ——— *p*
Mm...

Pno.
64 *piano reduction (as necessary)*

69

Sop. Solo
If — I were a shep herd I ——— would bring a lamb; I — would do my

Alto Solo
If — I were a wise man I would do my part;

S
Mm...

A
Mm...

T
Mm...

B
Mm...

Pno.
69

74 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *f*

Sop. Solo
part; — Yet what I can I give you: Give my heart.

Alto Solo
poco rit. *mp* *a tempo* *f* *mp*
Yet what I can I give you: Give my heart. I give my

S
poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*
Oo...

A
poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*
Oo...

T
poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*
Oo...

B
poco rit. *a tempo* *mp*
Oo...

74 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Pno.

80 *mp cresc.* *rit.* *Slower f*

Sop. Solo
I give my heart... I give my heart... I give my heart...

Alto Solo
cresc. heart... I give my heart... I give my heart... *rit.* *f*

S
Mm... *rit.* *mp cresc.* What I can I

A
Mm... *rit.* *mp cresc.* What I can I

T
Mm... *rit.* *mp cresc.* What I can I

B
Mm... *rit.* *mp cresc.* What I can I

Pno.
rit. *Slower*

84 *f* *p*

S
give you: Give my heart.

A
give you: Give my heart.

T
give you: I give my heart.

B
give you: I give my heart.

Pno.
mp *8va*

87 *pp* introspectively

S
I give my heart.

A
pp introspectively
I give my heart.

T
pp introspectively
I give my heart.

B
pp introspectively
I give my heart.

Pno.

90

S

A

T

B

Pno.