

# WINTER CANON

(with "In the Bleak Midwinter")

for S.S.A. voices and piano  
with optional SoundTrax CD\*

Based on a melody by **THOMAS TALLIS** (1505-1585)  
Arranged, with new Words, by **ANDY BECK**

With wonder (♩ = ca. 84)

SOPRANO I  
SOPRANO II

ALTO

PIANO

*mp*

'Twas

'Twas

3

on a si - lent win - ter night, the stars a - glow with

on a si - lent win - ter night, the stars a - glow with

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6

ra - diant light, when from the sky to earth be - low, there

ra - diant light, when from the sky to earth be - low there

9

came a gen - tle fall - ing snow.

came a gen - tle fall - ing snow.

12

*mp* 13

'Twas on a si - lent win - ter night, the

*mp*

'Twas on a si - lent

stars a - glow with ra - diant light, when from the sky to  
 win - ter night, the stars a - glow with ra - diant light when

earth be - low, there came a gen - tle fall ing snow.  
 from the sky to earth be - low, there came a gen - tle

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER  
 Music by Gustav Holst  
 Words by Christina Rossetti

23

fall - ing snow. In the bleak mid -  
 In the bleak mid -

24

*poco rit.*

win - ter, frost - y wind made moan.

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*poco rit.*

This block contains the musical notation for measures 24 to 26. It features two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "win - ter, frost - y wind made moan." The tempo marking is *poco rit.*

27

*a tempo*

wa - ter like a

Earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a

Earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a

*a tempo*

This block contains the musical notation for measures 27 to 29. It features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "Earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a". The tempo marking is *a tempo*.

30

SOPRANO I only *mp*

stone. 'Twas

stone.

This block contains the musical notation for measures 30 to 32. It features a Soprano I staff, an Alto staff, and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "stone. 'Twas" and "stone." The dynamic marking is *mp*.

33

SOPRANO I

on a si - lent win - ter night, the stars a - glow with

SOPRANO II

*mp*

'Twas on a si - lent

ALTO

*mp*

'Twas on a si - lent win - ter night, the

36

ra - diant light, when from the sky to earth be - low, there

win - ter night, the stars a - glow with ra - diant light, when

stars a - glow with ra - diant light, when from the sky to

39

came a gen - tle fall - ing snow.  
 from the sky to earth be - low, there came a gen - tle  
 earth be - low, there came a gen - tle fall - ing snow.

42

43 *mf*  
 Snow had fal - len, snow on snow,  
*mf*  
 fall - ing snow. Snow on \_\_\_ snow, snow on \_\_\_  
*mf*  
 Snow on snow, snow on

45

*poco rit.* *a tempo mp*

snow on snow, in the bleak mid -

*poco rit.* *a tempo mp*

snow, on snow, in the bleak mid -

*poco rit.* *a tempo mp*

snow, on snow, in the bleak mid -

*poco rit.* *a tempo mp*

48

win - ter, long time a - go.

win - ter, long time a - go.

win - ter, long time a - go.

51 SMALL GROUP (*perhaps half of the altos*)

53

SOPRANO I *mf*  
'Twas on a si lent

SOPRANO II

ALTO *mf*  
'Twas

*cresc.* *mf*

54 *mf*  
'Twas on a si - lent

win - ter night, the stars a - glow with ra - diant light, when

*mf*  
'Twas on a si - lent win - ter night, the

on a si - lent win - ter night, the stars a - glow with



win - ter night, the stars a - glow with ra - diant light, when  
 from the sky to earth be - low, there came a gen - tle  
 stars a - glow with ra - diant light, when from the sky to  
 ra - diant light, when from the sky to earth be - low, there

from the sky to earth be - low, there came a gen - tle  
 fall - ing snow.  
 earth be - low, there came a gen - tle fall - ing snow.  
 came a gen - tle fall - ing snow.

63

(return to section)

fall - ing snow.

*mp*

In the bleak mid -

*mp*

In the bleak mid -

*mp*

In the bleak mid -

66

*rit. e decresc.* *pp*

win - ter, long a - go.

*rit. e decresc.* *pp*

win - ter, long a - go.

*rit. e decresc.* *pp*

win - ter, long a - go.

*rit. e decresc.* *pp*