

Side Notes: "In the Bleak of Winter" is a poem by the English poet Christina Rossetti and was published in a magazine in 1872. It was set to music 35 years later. This is one of the lesser known Christmas songs that I think every person should be familiar with. One of my all-time favorite performances of this tune is done by the Norwegian singer Sissel Kyrkjebø. If you've never heard her sing, you should search the media for her arrangement of this song. I tried really hard to keep this arrangement simple, while not losing some of the harmonies. It came out a little more challenging than I would prefer for an "easier" book, but I hope it is a welcome challenge as you start to become familiar with the chord patterns I use in many of my songs.

## In the Bleak Midwinter

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*Gently*

*p*

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*rit.*

In the bleak mid -

10 win - ter, Frost - y wind \_\_\_\_\_ made moan;

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

16 stone; Snow had fall - en, snow on snow,

19 Snow snow on snow, In the bleak mid

22 win - ter, Long a - go.

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