

1. A Child of the Snows

Text: Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874 - 1936)

Music: Thomas More Hagger (1950-2023)

Larghetto ♩ = 52

Verse 1

Soprano *mp* There is heard a hymn when the panes are dim and nev-er be-fore or a -

Alto *mp* There is heard a hymn when the panes are dim and nev-er be-fore or a -

S. gain, when the nights are strong with a dark - ness long, and the

A. gain, when the nights are strong with a dark - ness long, and the

S. dark is a-live with rain; and the dark is a-live with rain.

A. dark is a-live with rain, with rain; and the dark is a-live with rain.

Verses 2 & 3

Soprano *mp* Nev-er___ we know but in sleet and in snow,___ 'the place where the great fires___
And at night we win to the an-cient___ inn'where the child in the frost is___

Alto *mp* Nev-er___ we know but in sleet and in snow,___ 'the place where the great fires___
And at night we win to the an-cient___ inn'where the child in the frost is___

Bass *mp* Nev-er___ we know but in sleet and in snow,___ 'the place where the great fires___
And at night we win to the an-cient___ inn'where the child in the frost is___

S. *mf* ,
are,___ that the midst of the earth is a rag - ing mirth and the
furred,___ we___ fol - low the feet where___ all___ souls___ meet at the

A. *mf* ,
are,___ that the midst of the earth is a rag - ing mirth and the
furred,___ we___ fol - low the feet where___ all___ souls___ meet at the

B. *mf* ,
are,___ that the midst of the earth is a rag - ing mirth and the
furred,___ we___ fol - low the feet where___ all___ souls___ meet at the

S. *mp*
heart of the earth is a star; and the heart of the earth is a star.
inn at the end of the world; at the inn at the end of the world.

A. *mp*
heart of the earth is a star, is a star; and the heart of the earth is a star.
inn at the end of the world, of the world; at the inn at the end of the world.

B. *mp*
heart of the earth is a star; and the heart_ of the earth is a star.
inn at the end of the world; at the inn__ at the end of the world.

Verse 4

Descant *p* The gods lie dead where the leaves lie red, for the flame of the sun is

Soprano *p* The gods lie dead where the leaves lie red, for the flame of the sun is__

Alto *p* The gods lie dead where the leaves lie red, for the flame of the sun is__

Bass *p* The gods lie dead where the leaves lie red, for the flame of the sun is

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D. 
 flown; the gods lie cold where the leaves lie gold, and a


S. 
 flown; the gods lie cold where the leaves lie gold, and a


A. 
 flown; the gods lie cold where the leaves lie gold, and a


B. 
 flown; the gods lie cold where the leaves lie gold, and a

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D. 
 Child comes forth a - lone; and a Child comes forth a - lone.

S. 
 Child comes forth a - lone; and a Child comes forth a - lone.

A. 
 Child comes forth a - lone, forth a - lone; and a Child comes forth a - lone.

B. 
 Child comes forth a - lone; and a Child comes forth a - lone.