

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.

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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
 furled,___ 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
 furled,___ 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
 furled,___ 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.