

# 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 &amp; 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.  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.  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.  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.