**HEAVEN CAN NOT HOLD HIM**

Our January issue actually comes out closer to Christmas than the December one, so here goes with my favorite Christmas carol. Christina Rosetti composed it as a poem in 1872, then the noted English composer Gustav Holst set it to music in 1906. It makes a lovely vocal piece with acoustic guitar. You can hear a beautiful version of this song by Dan Fogelberg at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TflfSShJT-Y>

**IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER**

*By Christina Rosetti*

**D Bm Em A**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan

**D Bm Em A D**

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

**G Bm G A**

Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow.

**D Bm Em A D**

In the bleak midwinter, long long ago.

Heaven can not hold him, nor earth sustain.

Heaven and earth shall flee away, when he omes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter, a stable bed sufficed.

The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

What shall I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man, I would do my part –

What I can I give him, give my heart.