



# **Winter Song**

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**(1834-1917)**

**Jairus Maxson Stillman** (1834-1917) was born in Alfred, New York. His father was a singer, directed the choir of their church, and taught singing schools in the area. He went to the singing schools with his father and attended singing classes at Alfred Academy. At age 20, he became leader of the church choir, began teaching in the singing schools, and studied music at Alfred University. He moved to North Reading, Massachusetts and studied under Lowell Mason at the Normal Music Institute. He also studied at the Normal Institute at Genesee, New York, and the Normal Music Institute at South Bend, Indiana. He was a pupil of Dudley Buck. He taught singing schools in Shelby and Logan counties, Ohio; led the Lutheran church choir in Bellefontaine, OH, and the Seventh Day Baptist church choir in Jackson Center, OH. He was professor of music at Hopkinton Academy, Rhode Island, became head of the music department at Alfred University. He finished his career as professor of music at Milton College, Wisconsin. He conducted many music conventions and institutes throughout the upper Mid-west, his work extending to thirteen states: Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. He authored many singing school text books. His compositions include works for singing schools, hymns and anthems.

Ye sing to us of springtime,  
With buds of opening flowers,  
When golden sunbeams scatter  
The clouds of winter band;  
Of buds and shining brooklets,  
Of May queens sweet and fair,  
But here's a song for winter  
With beauties rich and rare.

*O, we'll sing to the good old Frost King,  
To the stars that brighter shine,  
To the snows and the jingling sleigh-bells,  
To the merry winter time.*

Ye sing to us as summer,  
With hours of golden maze,  
When hum the drowsy insects  
And tasseled harvest's wave,  
When azure skies bend lightly,  
And pale the moonbeams fall;  
But the icy gems of winter  
Are lovelier than them all.

The cheeks of youth grow brighter  
When touched by winter's hand;  
The aged round the fireside  
Recall the household band;  
Each home grows hearer, nearer,  
The wanderer returns;  
While winter kindles starlight,  
Within true love-light burns.

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*Allegretto*

S  
Ye sing to us of spring - time, With buds of o - p'ning flowers, When

A  
Ye sing to us of spring - time, With buds of o - p'ning flowers, When

T  
Ye sing to us of spring - time, With buds of o - p'ning flowers, When

B  
Ye sing to us of spring - time, With buds of o - p'ning flowers, When

S  
gold - en sun - beams scat - ter The clouds of win - ter band; Of

A  
gold - en sun - beams scat - ter The clouds of win - ter band; Of

T  
gold - en sun - beams scat - ter The clouds of win - ter band;

B  
gold - en sun - beams scat - ter The clouds of win - ter band;

S  
buds and shin - ing brook - lets, Of May queens sweet and fair, But

A  
buds and shin - ing brook - lets, Of May queens sweet and fair, But

T  
Of buds and shin - ing brook - lets, Of May queens sweet and fair,

B  
Of buds and shin - ing brook - lets, Of May queens sweet and fair,

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S here's a song for win - ter With beau - ties rich and rare.

A here's a song for win - ter With beau - ties rich and rare.

T But here's a song for win - ter With beau - ties rich and rare.

B But here's a song for win - ter With beau - ties rich and rare.

## CHORUS

S O, we'll sing to the good old Frost King, To the stars that bright - er shine, To the

A O, we'll sing to the good old Frost King, To the stars that bright - er shine, To the

T O, we'll sing to the good old Frost King, To the stars that bright - er shine, To the

B O, we'll sing to the good old Frost King, To the stars that bright - er shine, To the

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S snows and the jing - ling sleigh - bells, To the mer - ry win - ter

A snows and the jing - ling sleigh - bells, To the mer - ry win - ter

T snows and the jing - ling sleigh - bells,

B snows and the jing - ling sleigh - bells,

# Winter Song

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S time, To the mer - ry win - ter time.

A time, To the mer - ry win - ter time.

T To the mer - ry win - ter time.

B To the mer - ry win - ter time.

## VERSE 2

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S Ye sing to us as sum - mer, With hours of gold - en maze, When

A Ye sing to us as sum - mer, With hours of gold - en maze, When

T Ye sing to us as sum - mer, With hours of gold - en maze, When

B Ye sing to us as sum - mer, With hours of gold - en maze, When

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S hum the drow - sy in - sects And tas - seled har - vest's wave, When

A hum the drow - sy in - sects And tas - seled har - vest's wave, When

T hum the drow - sy in - sects And tas - seled har - vest's wave,

B hum the drow - sy in - sects And tas - seled har - vest's wave,

## Winter Song

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S a - zure skies bend light - ly, And pale the moon-beams fall; But the

A a - zure skies bend light - ly, And pale the moon-beams fall; But the

T 8 When a - zure skies bend light - ly, And pale the moon-beams fall;

B When a - zure skies bend light - ly, And pale the moon-beams fall;

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S i - cy gems of win - ter Are love - lier than them all.

A i - cy gems of win - ter Are love - lier than them all.

T 8 But the i - cy gems of win - ter Are love - lier than them all.

B But the i - cy gems of win - ter Are love - lier than them all.

## VERSE 3

45

S The cheeks of youth grow bright - er When touched by win - ter's hand; The

A The cheeks of youth grow bright - er When touched by win - ter's hand; The

T 8 The cheeks of youth grow bright - er When touched by win - ter's hand; The

B The cheeks of youth grow bright - er When touched by win - ter's hand; The

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S a - ged round the fire - side Re - call the house - hold band; Each

A a - ged round the fire - side Re - call the house - hold band; Each

T a - ged round the fire - side Re - call the house - hold band;

B a - ged round the fire - side Re - call the house - hold band;

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S home grows hear - er, near - er, The wand - er - er re - turns; While

A home grows hear - er, near - er, The wand - er - er re - turns; While

T Each home grows hear - er, near - er, The wand - er - er re - turns;

B Each home grows hear - er, near - er, The wand - er - er re - turns;

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S win - ter kin - dles star - light, With - in true love - light burns.

A win - ter kin - dles star - light, With - in true love - light burns.

T While win - ter kin - dles star - light, With - in true love - light burns.

B While win - ter kin - dles star - light, With - in true love - light burns.

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