



The Seasons

A set of four Part Songs

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Give me the lusty winter time

Wm. T. Belcher (1827–1905)

Allegretto

S *mf* Give me the lust - y Win - ter time, When storm and cloud sweep by, _____ And

A *mf* Give me the lust - y Win - ter time, When storm and cloud sweep by, _____ And

T *mf* Give me the lust - y Win - ter time, When storm and cloud sweep by, _____ And

B *mf* Give me the lust - y Win - ter time, When storm and cloud sweep by, _____ And

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S winds ring out their mid - night chime In the bel - fry of the

A winds ring out their mid - night chime In the bel - fry of the

T winds ring out their mid - night chime In the bel - fry of the

B winds ring out their mid - night chime In the bel - fry of the

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8 *rall.*

S sky; Though bur - ly, And sur - ly, And om - i - nous, and drear, It

A sky; Though bur - ly, And sur - ly, And om - i - nous, and drear, It

T sky; Though bur - ly, And sur - ly, And om - i - nous, and drear, It

B sky; Though bur - ly, And sur - ly, And om - i - nous, and drear, It

11 *a tempo*

S sets the old hearth blaz - ing, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

A sets the old hearth blaz - ing, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

T sets the old hearth blaz - ing, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

B sets the old hearth blaz - ing, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

14 *rall.* *a tempo* *f*

S brings the best o' cheer, It sets the old hearth blaz - ing, And brings the best o' cheer.

A brings the best o' cheer, It sets the old hearth blaz - ing, And brings the best o' cheer.

T cheer, It sets the old hearth blaz - ing, And brings the best o' cheer.

B cheer, It sets the old hearth blaz - ing, And brings the best o' cheer.

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S *mf* Let snow - flakes tuft the froz - en ground, Or cap the dis - tant hill, And

A *mf* Let snow - flakes tuft the froz - en ground, Or cap the dis - tant hill, And

T *mf* Let snow - flakes tuft the froz - en ground, Or cap the dis - tant hill, And

B *mf* Let snow - flakes tuft the froz - en ground, Or cap the dis - tant hill, And

21 S stream and tor - rent both be bound By Win - ter's i - ron

A stream and tor - rent both be bound By Win - ter's i - ron

T stream and tor - rent both be bound By Win - ter's i - ron

B stream and tor - rent both be bound By Win - ter's i - ron

24 S will; Though freez - ing And teas - ing To those whom he comes near, He *rall.*

A will; Though freez - ing And teas - ing To those whom he comes near, He *rall.*

T will; Though freez - ing And teas - ing To those whom he comes near, He *rall.*

B will; Though freez - ing And teas - ing To those whom he comes near, He *rall.*

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27 *a tempo*

S kin - dles warmth in ev - 'ry heart, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

A kin - dles warmth in ev - 'ry heart, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

T kin - dles warmth in ev - 'ry heart, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' _

B kin - dles warmth in ev - 'ry heart, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' _

30 *rall.* *a tempo*

S brings the best o' cheer, He kin - dles warmth in ev - 'ry heart, And brings the best o' cheer.

A brings the best o' cheer, He kin - dles warmth in ev - 'ry heart, And brings the best o' cheer.

T cheer, _____ He kin - dles warmth in ev - 'ry heart, And brings the best o' cheer.

B cheer, _____ He kin - dles warmth in ev - 'ry heart, And brings the best o' cheer.

mf

S If days are short, the nights are long; Then why should we com - plain? _____ Since

A If days are short, the nights are long; Then why should we com - plain? _____ Since

T If days are short, the nights are long; Then why should we com - plain? Since

B If days are short, the nights are long; Then why should we com - plain? Since

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S night brings round the mer - ry song And mer - ri - er re -

A night brings round the mer - ry song And mer - ri - er re -

T night brings round the mer - ry song And mer - ri - er re -

B night brings round the mer - ry song And mer - ri - er re -

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S frai; All join - ing, Com - bin - ing To dry the pass - ing tear— Ah!

A frai; All join - ing, Com - bin - ing To dry the pass - ing tear— Ah!

T frai; All join - ing, Com - bin - ing To dry the pass - ing tear— Ah!

B frai; All join - ing, Com - bin - ing To dry the pass - ing tear— Ah!

rall.

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S Win - ter is a pleas - ant time And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

A Win - ter is a pleas - ant time And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

T Win - ter is a pleas - ant time And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

B Win - ter is a pleas - ant time And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

a tempo

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46 *rall.* *a tempo* *f*

S brings the best o' cheer, Ah! Win - ter is a pleas - ant time, And brings the best o' cheer.

A brings the best o' cheer, Ah! Win - ter is a pleas - ant time, And brings the best o' cheer.

T cheer, _____ Ah! Win - ter is a pleas - ant time, And brings the best o' cheer.

B cheer, _____ Ah! Win - ter is a pleas - ant time, And brings the best o' cheer.

49 *mf*

S Then, give me jo - vial Win - ter, boys, And warm souls all a - round, _____ To

A Then, give me jo - vial Win - ter, boys, And warm souls all a - round, _____ To

T Then, give me jo - vial Win - ter, boys, And warm souls all a - round, _____ To

B Then, give me jo - vial Win - ter, boys, And warm souls all a - round, _____ To

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S share the rich and tran - quil joys That in its re - gion are

A share the rich and tran - quil joys That in its re - gion are

T share the rich and tran - quil joys That in its re - gion are

B share the rich and tran - quil joys That in its re - gion are

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57 *rall.*

S found. Friends meet - ing, Hearts beat - ing In love and truth sin - cere— Oh!

A found. Friends meet - ing, Hearts beat - ing In love and truth sin - cere— Oh!

T found. Friends meet - ing, Hearts beat - ing In love and truth sin - cere— Oh!

B found. Friends meet - ing, Hearts beat - ing In love and truth sin - cere— Oh!

60 *a tempo*

S Win - ter is a jo - vial time, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

A Win - ter is a jo - vial time, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

T Win - ter is a jo - vial time, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

B Win - ter is a jo - vial time, And brings the best o' cheer, brings the best o' cheer,

63 *rall.* *a tempo* *f*

S brings the best o' cheer, Oh! Win - ter is a jo - vial time, And brings the best o' cheer.

A brings the best o' cheer, Oh! Win - ter is a jo - vial time, And brings the best o' cheer.

T cheer, Oh! Win - ter is a jo - vial time, And brings the best o' cheer.

B cheer, Oh! Win - ter is a jo - vial time, And brings the best o' cheer.

William Thomas Belcher (1827-1905) was born in Birmingham, England, and was educated at Oxford. He was organist of Great Barr Church and several other churches in Birmingham, including the position of organist and choirmaster at Holy Trinity, Bordesley, from 1884 until his death. He was active as recitalist in the region. He died in Birmingham. His compositions include an oratorio, cantatas, piano works, anthems, hymns, chants, &c. glees, and partsongs. His son William Edward Belcher was also a wellknown organist and composer.

Give me the lusty Winter time,
When storm and cloud sweep by,
And winds ring out their midnight chime
In the belfry of the sky;
Though burly,
And surly,
And ominous, and drear,
It sets the old hearth blazing,
And brings the best o' cheer.

Let snowflakes tuft the frozen ground,
Or cap the distant hill,
And stream and torrent both be bound
By Winter's iron will;
Though freezing
And teasing
To those whom he comes near,
He kindles warmth in ev'ry heart,
And brings the best o' cheer.

If days are short, the nights are long;
Then why should we complain?
Since night brings round the merry song
And merrier refrain;
All joining,
Combining
To dry the passing tear—
Ah! Winter is a pleasant time
And brings the best o' cheer.

Then, give me jovial Winter, boys,
And warm souls all around,
To share the rich and tranquil joys
That in its region are found.
Friends meeting,
Hearts beating
In love and truth sincere—
Oh! Winter is a jovial time,
And brings the best o' cheer.

George Linnæus Banks (1821-1881)

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