

Top Ten Christmas Carols

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Score

For Flute Quartet

#1 - In the Bleak Midwinter - Harold Drake (1911)

John Gibson, arr.

Moderato e tranquillo ♩ = 72

Flute 1 *p* (flute 4 solo) *rit.*

Flute 2 *p* (flute 4 solo)

Flute 3 *p* (flute 4 solo)

Flute 4 *mp* (flute 4 solo)

The first system of the score is for a flute quartet in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. Flutes 1, 2, and 3 play a melodic line with a *p* dynamic, while Flute 4 provides a bass line with an *mp* dynamic. The tempo is marked 'Moderato e tranquillo' with a quarter note equal to 72 beats per minute. The music features a *rit.* (ritardando) at the end of the system.

A *a tempo*

Fl 1 *pp*

Fl 2 *pp*

Fl 3 *pp*

Fl 4 *mf*

The second system begins with a boxed letter 'A' and the tempo marking 'a tempo'. It continues with the same four staves. Flutes 1, 2, and 3 play with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic, while Flute 4 plays with an *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic. The music resumes its melodic and bass lines.

poco rit.

9

Fl 1

Fl 2

Fl 3

Fl 4

a tempo

13

Fl 1

Fl 2

Fl 3

Fl 4