

Alan Jones

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Words by Carol Ann Duffy

Music by Alan Jones, Op. 33

Andante ♩ = 72

SOPRANO *mf*
Si-lent-ly on Christ-mas Eve, the turn of mid-night's key; all the

ALTO *p*
Si-lent-ly on Christ-mas Eve, the turn of mid-night's key; all the

TENOR *p*
Si-lent-ly on Christ-mas Eve, the turn of mid- night's key; all the

BASS *p*
Si-lent-ly on Christ-mas Eve, the turn of mid-night's key; all the

Piano *mf* *p*

7 *rall.* *f* **A tempo**

g - g - gar - den l - l - lo - cked in i - ce - ce -- a s - s - sil - ver f - f - free - ze a s - s - sil - ver f - f - free - ze - ze -- ex -

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rall. *f* **A tempo**

11

cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees; ex-cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.

cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees, the bees; ex-cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.

div. humming

cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees, the bees; ex-cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.

div. humming

cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees; ex-cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.

Verse 2

17 *mf*

Flight-less now and shi-ve-ring, a-round their Queen they cling; e-ve-ry

mf

Flight-less now and shi-ve-ring, a-round their Queen they cling; e-ve-ry

mf unis.

Flight-less now and shi-ve-ring, a-round their Queen they cling; e-ve-ry

f unis.

Flight-less now and shi-ve-ring, a-round their Queen they cling; e-ve-ry

Verse 2

mf

21 *rall.* // A tempo

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze, she will not freeze with-

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze, she will not freeze with-

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze, she will not freeze with-

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze, she will not freeze with-

rall. // A tempo

25

in the win-ter clus-ter of the bees; ex-cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.

in the win-ter clus-ter of the bees, the bees; ex-cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.

div. humming

in the win-ter clus-ter of the bees, the bees; ex-cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.

div. humming

in the win-ter clus-ter of the bees; ex-cept the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.

31 Verse 3

Bring me for my Christ - mas gift a sing - le gol - den jar; let me

Bring me for my Christ - mas gift a sing - le gol - den jar; let me unis.

Bring me for my Christ - mas gift a sing - le gol - den jar; let me unis.

Bring me for my Christ - mas gift a sing - le gol - den jar; let me

Verse 3

p

35

taste the sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave, but ho - ney leave__ to

taste__ the sweet - ness__ there, but ho - ney leave, but ho - ney leave__ to

taste__ the sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave, but ho - ney leave to

taste the sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave, but ho - ney leave__ to

rall. *f* *A tempo*

rall. *f* *A tempo*

39

feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

div. humming

feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; ex - cept - the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

div. humming

feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

45 Verse 4

mf Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the si - lent hive-- trem - bling

mf Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the si - lent hive-- trem - bling

f unis. Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the si - lent hive-- trem - bling

mf unis. Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the sil - ent hive-- trem - bling

Verse 4

57

clus - ter of the bees... *rall.*

clus - ter of the bees... *rall.*

clus - ter of the bees... *rall.*

clus - ter of the bees... *rall.*

clus - ter of the bees... *rall.*

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