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Duration c.5'

In Winter's House was commissioned by Tenebrae and first performed by the choir at their concert at the Wigmore Hall on 1st December 2019.

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Poem by Jane Draycott

In winter's house there's a room  
that's pale and still as mist in a field  
while outside in the street every gate's shut firm,  
every face as cold as steel.

In winter's house there's a bed  
that is spread with frost and feathers, that gleams  
in the half-light like rain in a disused yard  
or a pearl in a choked-up stream.

In winter's house there's a child  
asleep in a dream of light that grows out  
of the dark, a flame you can hold in your hand  
like a flower or a torch on the street.

In winter's house there's a tale  
that's told of a great chandelier in a garden,  
of fire that catches and travels for miles,  
of all gates and windows wide open.

In winter's house there's a flame  
being dreamt by a child in the night,  
in the small quiet house at the turn in the lane  
where the darkness gives way to light.

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**SOPRANO** ♩ = 100

**ALTO** **p**

**TENOR** **p**

**BARITONE** **p**

**BASS**

That's pale and still as  
In winter's house there's a room that's pale and still as  
In winter's house there's a room that's pale and still as  
Win-ter's house there's a room that's pale and still as

5

mist in a field while out - side in the street ev -'ry gate's shut

mist while out - side in the street ev -'ry gate's shut

mist in \_\_\_\_\_ a field while out-side in \_\_\_\_\_ the street gate's shut

mist in \_\_\_\_\_ a field while out-side the street \_\_\_\_\_ ev -'ry gate's shut

10

firm, ev - 'ry face as cold as steel, ev - 'ry face as cold \_\_\_\_\_

firm, ev - 'ry face as cold as steel, ev - 'ry face as cold \_\_\_\_\_

firm, ev - 'ry face as cold as steel, ev - 'ry face as cold \_\_\_\_\_

firm, ev - 'ry face cold as steel, ev - 'ry face as cold \_\_\_\_\_

firm, ev - 'ry face cold as steel, ev - 'ry face as cold \_\_\_\_\_

20

cresc.  
***mf***

bed that is spread with frost fea - thers, that gleams

cresc.  
***mf***

bed is spread with frost and fea - thers, that gleams

cresc.  
***mf***

there's a bed is spread and fea - thers, that gleams in the

cresc.  
***mf***

there's a bed spread fea - thers, that gleams in the

***mf***

bed spread gleams in the

24

***mp*** ***p*** *lilting* ***mf*** *dim.*

light like rain, like rain, like rain, dis - used

***mp*** ***p*** *lilting* ***mf*** *dim.*

half - light like rain, like rain, like rain, in a dis - used

***mp*** ***p*** *lilting* ***mf***

half - light rain, like rain, like rain

***mp*** ***p*** *lilting* ***mf*** *dim.*

half - light rain, like rain, in a dis - used

***mp*** ***p*** *lilting* ***mf*** *dim.*

half - light rain in a dis - used

29 *mp*

= *pp* rit.

yard              pearl,              pearl              choked - up              stream.

*mp*

— *pp*

yard    or    a    pearl,    a    pearl    in    a    choked - up    stream.

*mp*

= *pp*

8              a    pearl              choked - up              stream.

*mp*

— *pp*

yard    or    a    pearl,    pearl    in    a    choked - up    stream.

*mp*

— *pp*

yard    pearl,    pearl              choked - up              stream.

34 *a tempo*

*mp*              *p*

— In    win-ter's house    there's a    child — a - sleep — a

*mp*              *p*

— In    win-ter's house    there's — a    child — a - sleep — in a

*mp*              *p*

8    Win-ter's house    there's — a    child — a - sleep    in    a

*mp*              *p*

There's a    child — a - sleep    in    a

*mp*              *p*

There's a    child — a - sleep    in    a

38

dream of light \_\_\_\_\_ a flame \_\_\_\_\_

dream of light \_\_\_\_\_ that grows \_\_\_\_\_ a flame you can

dream light that grows, \_\_\_ out of the dark a flame \_\_\_ you can

dream that grows, \_\_\_ out of the dark a flame \_\_\_ can

dream of \_\_\_ the dark

42

hold \_\_\_ in your hand flower \_\_\_ or a torch \_\_\_ on the street. \_\_\_\_\_

hold \_\_\_ in your hand like a flower \_\_\_ or a torch \_\_\_ on the street. \_\_\_\_\_

you can hold hand like a flower \_\_\_ or a torch the street. \_\_\_\_\_

you can hold hand like a, like a flower a torch street. \_\_\_\_\_

you can hold like a flower or a torch

47 *mp* *mf brighter* *mp*

In winter's house there's a tale, \_\_\_\_\_ a tale that's told

*mp* *mf brighter* *mp*

Win-ter's house there's a tale, \_\_\_\_\_ a tale that's told

*mp* *mf brighter* *mp*

In winter's house there's a tale, \_\_\_\_\_ of a

*mp* *mf brighter* *mp*

Win-ter's house there's a tale, \_\_\_\_\_ tale told of a

*mp*

tale told

51 *mf* *p animated cresc.*

'lier \_\_\_\_\_ in the gar - den, \_\_\_\_\_ of fire that\_ catch-es, that \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* *p animated cresc.*

great chan - de - lier \_\_\_\_\_ in the gar - den, \_\_\_\_\_ catch - es, that

*mf* *p animated cresc.*

great chan - de - lier \_\_\_\_\_ in the gar - den, \_\_\_\_\_ of fire \_\_\_\_\_ that catch - es, that

*mf* *p animated cresc.*

great chan - de - lier \_\_\_\_\_ in the gar - den, \_\_\_\_\_ fire \_\_\_\_\_ that catch - es,

*mf* *p animated cresc.*

great chan - de - lier \_\_\_\_\_ the gar - den, \_\_\_\_\_ fire \_\_\_\_\_ that catch - es,

56

***mf***

catch - es and tra - vels, — that tra - vels miles \_\_\_\_\_

***mf***

catch - es and tra - vels, that tra - vels miles, \_\_\_\_\_ miles \_\_\_\_\_

***mf***

8 catch - es and tra - vels, that tra - vels miles, \_\_\_\_\_ miles \_\_\_\_\_ of

***mf***

catch - es and tra - vels, — tra - vels miles, \_\_\_\_\_ miles \_\_\_\_\_ of

***f***

catch - es and miles \_\_\_\_\_

61

***mf***

gates \_\_\_\_\_ and win - dows are o - pen, \_\_\_\_\_ win - dows are

***mf***      ***f***

all — gates \_\_\_\_\_ are o - pen, gates \_\_\_\_\_ win - dows.

***mf***

8 all gates and win - dows o - pen, all gates \_\_\_\_\_ and win - dows are

***mf***

all gates win - dows o - pen, win - dows

***mf***

all gates win - dows o - pen, gates \_\_\_\_\_ win - dows

Tranquil

66 *mf* ————— *f*, , *mp > p still*

open wide.

In winter's house

wide.

Win - ter's

open wide.

In win - - - ter's

wide.

In

win

ter's

72 *p still* ————— *mp*

*p still* ————— *mp*

There is a flame be-ing

there is a flame be-ing dreamt

house there is a flame be-ing dreamt

house is a flame

house there is a flame dreamt

78

mf      mp      mf

dreamt by a child, \_\_\_\_\_ child \_\_\_\_\_ in the night, \_\_\_\_\_

by a child, \_\_\_\_\_ a child, a child night, the

— by a child, \_\_\_\_\_ child, a child in the night, the

— by a child, \_\_\_\_\_ child, child \_\_\_\_\_ night, \_\_\_\_\_

mf      mp      mf

dreamt by \_\_\_\_\_ a child, \_\_\_\_\_ child, a child in the night, the

night, \_\_\_\_\_

mf      mp      mf

by a child, \_\_\_\_\_ child, child \_\_\_\_\_ night, \_\_\_\_\_

the

84

poco rit. **p** Tempo primo

in the small house at the turn in the lane

night, in the small quiet house at the turn in the lane, in the

night, in the small quiet house, the house turn in the lane, the

in the small quiet house turn in the lane, in the

night, in the small quiet house turn in the lane

90

— where dark — — — ness  
 lane where the dark — ness, dark — ness  
 lane where the dark — ness, dark — ness  
 lane, in the lane where, where dark — ness  
 — in the lane dark — ness

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p gives way, gives way to light.  
 mp pp pp gives way to light.  
 pp pp pp gives way, way to light.  
 pp pp pp gives way to light.  
 pp pp pp way to light.

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