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**SATB WITH
OPT. FLUTE**

Once in Cold December

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Gently, with expression ♩ = ca. 72

Piano introduction in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two staves (treble and bass clef). The tempo is marked 'Gently, with expression' with a quarter note equal to approximately 72 beats per minute. The dynamics are marked *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *rit.* (ritardando). The music features a simple, flowing melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.

5 SA *a tempo*
mp

Once in cold De - cem - ber count-less a - ges

TB

Vocal entry for Soprano (SA) and Tenor (TB). The Soprano part begins at measure 5 with the lyrics 'Once in cold December count-less ages'. The Tenor part is silent. The piano accompaniment continues from the previous system. The tempo is marked *a tempo* and the dynamics are *mp*.

Piano accompaniment for the vocal entry. The right hand plays chords and the left hand plays a simple bass line. The tempo is marked *a tempo*.

8

past,

mp

all the earth was si - lent,

Vocal and piano accompaniment for the second line. The Soprano part continues with the lyrics 'past, all the earth was silent,'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The dynamics are marked *mp*.

Duration: approx. 3:00

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as the snow de -
skies were o - ver - cast,

14

scend - ing cov - ered all be - low,

17

in the bleak mid - win - ter long, - long - a -

20 *rit.*

go.

mf *rit.*

24 *a tempo*

Now as then in win - ter,

Now as then in win - ter, streams have ceased to

a tempo
mp

27 *p*

streams have ceased to flow. _____ *ah*

flow. _____ *mf*

I - cy branch - es

39

long a - go.

42 *rit.*

A bit slower ♩ = ca. 69

mf

In the bleak mid -

mf

A bit slower ♩ = ca. 69
+ Fl.

rit.

mf

45

win - ter frost - y wind made moan,

48

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a

51

stone; snow had fall - en snow on snow,

54

snow on snow, in the bleak mid -



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57

win - ter long, — long — a - go.

60

ah

mp

Once in cold De - cem - ber, in the bleak mid - win - ter

mp

ah

- Fl.

L.H.

+ Fl.

L.H.

mp

63

rit.

long, — long — a - go. —

a - go, long a - go.

a - go. —

rit.