

A Winter Warning

Words and Music by **KARA STACY BEDWELL**

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About the Composer



Kara Stacy (b. 1998) is an emerging composer based in Central Florida who has graduated with a BA in Music Education from Florida Southern College and is pursuing an MME from Florida State University. Most recently, Kara was the winner of the 2020 Raymond Brock Memorial Student Composer's Competition through the American Choral Director's Association. As a primarily choral composer, she prides herself in writing melodies that are both accessible and exciting to her students, and lyrics from a wide variety of poets.

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"A Winter Warning" by Kara Stacy Bedwell is a dramatic and atmospheric piece depicting the creatures of the forest warning one another about the impending threat of winter. With a haunting central melody and contrasting harmonies, the piece captures both the beauty and danger of the season. Ideal for concerts focused on nature, seasonal changes, or stories of resilience.

Program Notes

There are many pieces depicting the beauty and tranquility of winter. But this ominous additive piece depicts the creatures of the forest warning one another about the impending threat that winter brings with it.

The central melody repeats throughout the entire song, getting longer with the addition of each creature, but is framed by different harmony lines to provide contrast. Its dramatic text allows singers to lean into expression and dynamic contrast, and the long lines of additive text provide opportunities to practice phrasing and stagger breathing.



Recordings are available on all major streaming services.

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for Two-part Voices with Piano Accompaniment

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With Ominous Urgency $\text{♩} = 90$

Piano

mp

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes in a descending pattern, while the left hand plays a simple bass line with a few notes.

4 All Voices

mp

In the moun - tains high and the val - leys low there's a

Measures 4-6 show the vocal entry. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note 'In', a quarter note 'the', a quarter note 'moun - tains', a quarter note 'high', a quarter note 'and', a quarter note 'the', a quarter note 'val - leys', a quarter note 'low', and a quarter note 'there's a'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a steady bass line.

7

stir - ring 'cause all the crea - tures know and the for - est is a - buzz with the

Measures 7-9 continue the vocal line. The vocal line has eighth notes for 'stir - ring', a quarter note for ''cause', eighth notes for 'all the', eighth notes for 'crea - tures', a quarter note for 'know', eighth notes for 'and the', eighth notes for 'for - est', eighth notes for 'is a - buzz', and eighth notes for 'with the'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line.

10

war - ning 'cause Win - ter comes with the ice and snow, —

Measures 10-12 conclude the vocal line. The vocal line has eighth notes for 'war - ning', a quarter note for ''cause', eighth notes for 'Win - ter', eighth notes for 'comes', eighth notes for 'with the', eighth notes for 'ice and', eighth notes for 'snow, —'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a bass line.

13 *sub. p* *mp*

Win-ter comes for to lay them low. And the

17

bird told trees they should lose their leaves for the win-ter comes round to

20

steal their green. So the bird warned trees, and the for-est is a-buzz with the

23

war - ning 'cause Win - ter comes with the ice and snow, —

26 *sub. p*

Win-ter comes for to lay them low.

sub. p *mp*

29 **Part I** (a distant echo) *mp*

Part II *mf*

Fly a -

And the hare old bird it should fly a - way for its

mf

32 *mf*

way _____ and the

down would not keep the cold at bay. So the hare warned bird,

35

bird warned trees, and the for - est is a - buzz with the
and the for - est is a - buzz with the

37

war - ning 'cause Win - ter comes with the ice and snow, —
war - ning 'cause Win - ter comes with the ice and snow, —

40

sub. p Win - ter comes for to lay them low.
sub. p Win - ter comes for to lay them low.
sub. p *mp*

43 *mf*

And the fox told hare it should dye_ it's hair for the

(a gust of wind) *mp*

Oo

mf

46

win-ter earth would be snow-white fair. So the fox warned hare,

mf

oo and the

49

and the bird warned trees, and the for-est is a-buzz with the

hare warned bird, and the for-est is a-buzz with the

52

war - ning 'cause Win - ter comes with the ice and snow, _

war - ning 'cause Win - ter comes with the ice and snow, _

cresc.

55

sub. p

Win - ter comes for to lay them low.

sub. p

Win - ter comes for to lay them low.

sub. p *mp*

58

(a wolf howl) *mf*

Ah oo _

mf

And the wolf told fox it should bur - row deep for the

mf

61 *mf*

ah oo and the

win-ter brings more than gen-tle sleep. So the wolf warned fox,

64

fox warned hare, and the bird warned trees, and the

and the hare warned bird, and the bird warned trees, and the

67 *cresc.*

for-est is a-buzz with the war-ning 'cause Win-ter comes with the

for-est is a-buzz with the war-ning 'cause Win-ter comes with the

70 *sub. p*

ice and snow, — Win - ter comes for to lay them low.

sub. p

ice and snow, — Win - ter comes for to lay them low.

sub. p *mp*

73 *f*

And the bear told wolf it should run and hide for

mf

Run and

f

77 *mf* *cresc.*

no-thing would stop the win - ter's bite. So the bear warned wolf, and the

cresc.

hide. So the bear warned wolf, and the

80

wolf warned fox, and the fox warned hare, and the hare warned bird, and the
 wolf warned fox, and the fox warned hare, and the hare warned bird, and the

83

bird warned trees, And the for - est is a - buzz with the
 bird warned trees And the for - est a - buzz with the

85

war - ning 'cause Win - ter comes with the ice and snow, _
 war - ning 'cause Win - ter comes with the ice and snow, _

88

ff

Win-ter comes for to lay them low. Win-ter comes with the

ff

Win-ter comes for to lay them low. Win-ter comes with the

ff

91

sub. p

ice and snow, — Win-ter comes for to lay them low.

sub. p

ice and snow Win-ter comes for to lay them low.

sub. p

