

Winter poem

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*



Christina Rossetti, *In the Bleak Midwinter*, 1872

**This poem was written by the famous poet, Christina Rossetti.
Read the poem carefully and answer the questions below.**

- 1.** What does Christina Rossetti mean when she says ‘frosty wind made moan’?

- 2.** What do you think has made the Earth ‘hard as iron’?

- 3.** Why do you think the poet repeats the word ‘snow’ five times in line three?

- 4.** What is the rhyming structure of this poem?

5. What opening phrase does Christina Rossetti use twice in this poem? Why do you think she does this?

Use the words below, and other winter words to write a winter poem. Write your finished poem onto the winter-bordered paper.

- snow
- ground
- air
- freeze
- berries
- trees
- cold
- frozen
- hard
- ice
- icicles
- frost
- birds



