



WINTER

22 Throughout this Winter Season

1 Through-out this win - ter sea - son, in na - ture's dark - ened womb,
2 You come as pud - dles crack - le be - neath the chil - dren's feet;
3 You come as fire and can - dle and all that warms the heart;
4 We seek to know your pres - ence in grey days and in bright,

Christ, grant your life and laugh - ter to light - en frost - y gloom;
you come in leaf - less branch - es out - lined a - gainst the sleet;
you come in par - ty feast - ing, in mus - ic, dance, and art;
in all the earth's a - bun - dance and dur - ing na - ture's night;

to lift our flag - ging spir - its be - yond these short-lived days
you come when lives di - min - ish as cold en - vel - ops all;
you come in an - cient stor - ies, of years that are no more;
but when we can - not see you through blind - ness or through pain,

to Eas - ter* and each com - ing which fills our lives with praise.
you come as snow which blank - ets earth's grime be - neath its fall.
you come as lib - er - a - tion and power for all the poor.
en - fold us in your dy - ing and rise in us a - gain.

* for the Southern hemisphere, substitute "Advent" for "Easter."