

# December

Lyrics: John Frederick Mason

Music: Carsten Borbye Nielsen

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a tempo of quarter note = 55. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff (measures 1-4) has lyrics: "These days close round the dar - ker side to meet the light that". The second staff (measures 5-7) has lyrics: "win - ter hides. The month un-locks the e - qui-nox.". The third staff (measures 8-10) has lyrics: "Lis - ten, lis - ten The fu - ture knocks.". Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Cm, Fm/c Cm, Bb/c Cm, Ab, Eb/bb, Gsus4, G+, Abadd9, Ab, Fm, Fsus4/bb, Gsus4, G, Ab, Ab/bb, Eb.

These days close round the darker side  
to meet the light that winter hides.  
The month unlocks  
the equinox.  
Listen! Listen! The future knocks.

The future joins the past and holds  
a Christmas present in its folds.  
The gift is spread  
where angels tread.  
Listen! Listen! The word is said.

A word makes ghosts of frosted air.  
Ahead the star shines on the stair.  
A steep to climb,  
one step in time.  
Listen! Listen! The midnight chimes.

The midnight's year is put to bed.  
A new year turns its face ahead.  
And in the snow  
its footprints show.  
Listen! Listen! It shouts 'Hello!'