

22 Drive the cold winter away

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Drive the cold winter away'. It consists of three staves of music written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 6/4. The first staff begins with a measure number '12.' and a '6/4' time signature. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing rests. The second and third staves continue the melody and accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line and a '17+' marking below the final note.

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 And welcome the nights that double delights, as well for the poor as the peer.  
 Good fortune attend each merry man's friend that doth but the best he may.  
 Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs to drive the cold winter away.

'Tis ill for a mind to anger inclined to think of small injuries now.  
 If wrath be to seek, don't lend her your cheek, nor let her inhabit thy brow.  
 Cross out of thy books malevolent looks, both beauty and youth's decay.  
 And wholly consort with mirth and with sport to drive the cold winter away.

This time of the year is spent in good cheer and neighbours together do meet.  
 To sit by the fire with friendly desire each other in love for to greet.  
 Old grudges forgot are put in the pot, all sorrows aside they lay.  
 The old and the young will carol this song to drive the cold winter away.

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