

Next Winter Comes Slowly

Winter's air from the masque *The Fairy Queen* (bass)

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Next **winter** **comes** **slowly,**
[nekst 'wɪn.te kʌmz 'slɔ:ʊ.li]¹

pale, meager and cold,
First trembling with age,
and then, quivering with cold;
benumb'd with hard frosts,
and with snow cover'd o'er,
Prays to the sun to restore him,
and sings as before.

The entire text to this title with the complete
IPA transcription is available for download.

Thank you!



¹ The IPA transcription is given in Mid-Atlantic pronunciation.