

When Icicles Hang by the Wall

Text by *William Shakespeare* (1564-1616) [Br], from *Love's Labour's Lost*
Set by *Dominick Argento* (1927-) [Am], *Winter*, from *6 Elizabethan Songs*, #3; *Thomas Augustine Arne* (1710-1778) [Br]; *Benjamin Carr* (1769-1831) [Br], from *Four Ballads: three from Shakespeare and one by Harwood*; *Gerald Finzi* (1901-1956) [Br], from *Four Songs from Love's Labours Lost*, op. 28a, #2; *Wolfgang Fortner* (1907-1987) [Gr], *When Icicles Hang*, from *Songs nach Texten von William Shakespeare*, #4; *Henry Balfour Gardiner* (1877-1950) [Br], *Winter*; *John Linton Gardner* (1917-) [Br], from *Six by Four*, op. 181, #2; *J. Frederick Keel* (1871-1954) [Br], *When Icicles Hang*; *Ernest John Moeran* (1894-1950) [Br], from *Four Shakespeare Songs*, R. 76, #4; *Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry* (1848-1918) [Br], from the collection *English Lyrics, Second Set*, #5; *Roger Quilter* (1877-1953) [Br], *When Icicles Hang*, from *Two Shakespeare Songs (4th set)*, op. 32, #2; *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872-1958) [Br], *Winter*, and *When Icicles Hang by the Wall*, from *3 Songs from Shakespeare*, #2

When icicles hang by the wall,
[ˌmɛn 'a:ɪ.sɪ.kəlz hæŋ ba:ɪ ðə wɔ:l]

And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,
[ænd dɪk ðə 'ʃep.əd bləʊz hɪz ne:ɪl]

And Tom bears logs into the hall,
And milk comes frozen home in pail,
When blood is nipp'd, and ways be foul,
Then nightly sings the staring-owl, Tu-whit,
Tu-whit, Tu-who— a merry note,
While greasy Joan doth keel the pot.

When all aloud the wind doth blow,
And coughing drowns the parson's saw,
And birds sit brooding in the snow,
And Marian's nose looks red and raw,
When roasted crabs hiss in the bowl,
Then nightly sings the staring-owl, Tu-whit,
Tu-whit, Tu-who— a merry note,
While greasy Joan doth keel the pot.

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