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Poetry for the Winter Season

Selected by Christina Hardyment

Read by **Sandra Douglas Weir** and **David Pepper**
and finalists of the **Voice of the Year – Poetry** competition
with guest readers **Roger McGough** and **Benjamin Zephaniah**

'Winter is the time for reading poetry' John Betjeman points out in his comfortably be-slipped essay which prefaces this collection of poems to cheer you through the wild and the wind and the wet of our darkest months. Here are many winter favourites from Walter Scott, William Cowper, the obscure English curate James Hurdis to John Clare, Thomas Hardy and Robert Louis Stevenson. The selection is grouped by themes including The Start Of Winter, Winter Fires, Children in Winter, Deep Winter, The New Year and the End of Winter. With Roger McGough and Benjamin Zephaniah adding a strongly contemporary note by reading their own poems, this is a seasonable anthology to treasure.

Poems for the Winter Season is read by Sandra Douglas Weir and David Pepper, the winners of the Naxos AudioBooks/The Times Voice of the Year – Poetry competition. They are joined by other finalists from the event.

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