Carol Ann Duffy (2011)

Slowly, Reverently and Hushed (\( \text{\textit{j}} = 70 \))

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\text{Si-\textit{lent}ly on Chris\textit{-tmas Eve, the turn of mid\textit{-night}'s key;}
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\text{all the garden locked in ice a silver}
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\text{Eve, in ice}
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\text{mid}night's
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Flightless now and shivering, around their Queen they

except the winter cluster of the bees.

Around their Queen they
cling, e-vry bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze

Bring me for my Christ-mas gift a sin-gle gold-en

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jar; let me taste the sweetness there, but honey

jar; let me taste the sweetness there, honey

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leave to feed the winter cluster of the bees.
Come with me on Christmas Eve to see the silent hive trembling

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then believe vvvvvvvvvvvvvv, bless the bees.

then believe vvvvvvvvvvvvvv, bless the bees.

then believe, bless the winter cluster of the bees.

12th-31st October 2018 Deo Gratias