

A CELEBRATION OF TWELFTH NIGHT 2025

The Chorus of Westerly

Gerda Side 1

Gerda:

Oh, Grandmother...I can't do this. The Ice Queen is a force beyond reckoning! I'm just one person. What chance could I have? *(pause)* What was it Father Christmas said?...Whatever you do, you need courage...*Love* has its victories, but it takes *bravery* to win them...

Ice Queen:

You would need more than bravery, child. There will be no victory for you this day. You think yourself the hero, but you have no power.

Gerda:

No! You're wrong! I have a power you do not know! I *will* save Jan, free my village, and save the world! You will not succeed!

Ice Queen:

(laughs) Will not succeed? Silly child. I already have.

Gerda sees Jan on the bier and rushes towards him wrapping her arms around him.

Gerda:

Jan! No, no, no, no...(Gerda touches Jan's face) So cold...So very cold...

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Gerda Side 2

Magic and mischief
And danger abounds,
But the silence falls heavy,
Snow blankets the ground.
I must mend what's broken,
Unwind what's been wound.
Still, I fear what may be lost,
Never to be found.

I'd be one step further
Than I've been before,
But something is calling
From the other shore.
One step further,
One more step from home,
Away from what's simple,
From all I've ever known.