

## 57. O little town of Bethlehem

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English traditional melody  
arranged by

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SOPRANO  
ALTO

(ORGAN  
or  
PIANO)

TENOR  
BASS

1. O lit - tle town of — Beth-le - hem, How still we see thee — lie!  
2. O morn-ing stars, to - ge - ther Pro-claim the ho - ly — birth,  
3. How si - lent-ly, how si - lent-ly, The won-drous gift is — giv'n!

A - bove thy deep and — dream-less — sleep The si - lent stars go — by.  
And prai-ses sing to — God the King, And peace to — men on — earth;  
So God im - parts to — hu - man hearts The bless-ings — of his — heav'n.

Yet — in thy dark streets shin - eth The — e - ver - last - ing — light;  
For — Christ is born of — Ma - ry; And, — gath-ered all — a - bove,  
No — ear may hear his — com - ing; But — in this world of — sin,

v. 3

The — hopes and fears of — all — the — years Are met in thee to - night.  
While — mor - tals sleep, the — an - gels keep Their watch of — wond'ring love.  
Where — meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

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DESCANT

4. O ho - ly\_ Child of Beth - le - hem, Des - cend to us, we pray;

UNISON VOICES

ORGAN or PIANO

Cast out our\_ sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

We\_ hear the Christ - mas an - - gels The great glad ti - dings tell:

O come to\_ us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el.