

57. O little town of Bethlehem

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English traditional melody
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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,

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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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.