O Little Town of Bethlehem

Traditional

This page has the lyrics arranged for the traditional tunes of Forest Green (UK version) and Bethlehem (American version).

The following page has lyrics arranged for the Paul Ambrose tune

Men: O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie;

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by;

Women: Yet in thy dark streets shineth

The everlasting light.

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight.

Men: For Christ is born of Mary,

And gathered all above,

While mortals sleep the angels keep

Their watch of wond'ring love.

All: O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth!

And praises sing to God the King,

And peace to men on earth!

Women: How silently, how silently,

The wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.

All: No ear may hear his coming

But in this world of sin

Where meek souls will receive Him still

The dear Christ enters in.

<Piano 4 lines> Forest Green (UK) tune

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And peace to men on earth!

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Bethlehem (American) tune

Forest Green (UK) tune

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Ambrose tune

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The silent stars go by;

All: Yet in thy dark streets shineth

The everlasting light.

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight.

Women: O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie;

Men: For Christ is born of Mary,

And gathered all above,

While mortals sleep the angels keep

Their watch of wond'ring love.

All: O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth!

And praises sing to God the King,

And peace to men on earth!

Women: O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie;

All: O Holy Child of Bethlehem

Descend to us, we pray.

Cast out our sin and enter in

Be born in us today

All: We hear the heav'nly angels

The great glad tidings tell O come to us, abide in us

Our Lord Emmanuel.

Women: O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie;

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