

○ Little Town of Bethlehem

Verse 1

D **G**
Oh little town of Bethlehem
D A D
How still we see thee lie
B Em
Above the deep and dreamless
sleep
D G D
The silent stars go by
B F#
For in the dark sky shineth
G F#
The everlasting light
D G
The hopes and fears of all the years
D A D
Are met in thee tonight

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

Verse 3

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him,
still
The dear Christ enters in.

Verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!