

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

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Music: (Forest Green) Choir Verse 1 arranged by R.Mather. Congregational Version R. Vaughan Williams.

Choir version for verse 1.

Optional Solo Bar 1, Duet Bar 5, full choir or quartet bar 8.

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem how still we see thee lie!
 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.

5 Yet in thy dark streets shi - - - neth the ev - er - last - ing light.

8 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

Congregational Version.

Sometimes verse 2 is as printed in italic (below). The text in the main body is preferred.

12 *2. For While Christ is born of the Ma - ry and ga - thered all a - bove*
mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem how still we see thee lie!
 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.

2. O morn - ing stars to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly birth;
 And prai - ses sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth;

3. How si - lent - ly! how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.

4. Where child - ren pure and ha - py pray to the bless - ed Child.
 Where mi - se - ry cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild

5. O ho ly child of Beth - le - hem de - cend to us we pray,
 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born to us to - day

16 *O morn - ing stars to - ge - ther pro - claim the ho - ly birth, And*

1. Yet in thy dark streets shi - neth the ev - er - last - ing life. The
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga - thered this all a - bove. While
 3. No ear may hear his com - ing; but in this world of sin, Where
 4. Where char - i - ty stands watch - ing, and faith holds wide the door, The
 5. We hear the Christmas an - gels and the great glad ti - dings tell, O

20 prais - es sing to God the King and peace to men on earth.

1. hopes and fears of the all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2. mor - tals sleep will re - ceive him. Keep their watch of Christ won - d'ring love.
 3. meek souls will the glo - ry. Still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4. dark night wakes, the a - bide wit us breaks, and our Christ - mas comes once more.
 5. come to us a - bide wit us and our Lord Em - ma nu - el.