

29. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Words by
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English traditional tune
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

SOPRANO

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

ALTO 1
ALTO 2

PIANO*

(with 8ves ad lib.)

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The ___ si - lent ___ stars go by,
 And ___ prais - es 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.

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*One or more verses may be sung unaccompanied.

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 Additional tune
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Yet in thy dark streets shi - neth The ev - er - last - ing light; —
 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And, gath - er'd 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 won - d'ring love.
 Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

S.1
 S.2
 4. O ho - ly Child, Des - cend to us, we pray;
 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, Des - cend to us, we pray;
 A.1
 A.2
 O ho - ly Child,

(with 8ves ad lib.)

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

Cast out our sin,

(with 8ves ad lib.)

an - gels The

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

We hear the an - gels

(with 8ves ad lib.)

O come to us,

O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.

O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.

Words 18th
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ALL VOICES

† PIANO

in that

REF.

S.1
S.2

Re:

A.1
A.2