
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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An alternative version of verse 2 is sometimes as printed in italics.

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee
2. O morn - ing stars to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly
Alt. 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and ga - thered all a -
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is
4. Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed
5. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us we

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lie, a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the
birth, and prais - es sing to God the King, and
bove, while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their
giv'n; so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the
Child. Where mi - se - ry cries out to thee, Son
pray, cast out our sin and en - ter in, be

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si - lent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets
peace to men on earth. For Christ is born of
watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars to -
bless - ings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his
of the mo - ther mild.; where char - i - ty stands
born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas

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shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light, the
 Ma - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove, while
geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and
 com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
 watch - ing and faith holds wide the door, the
 an - gels, the great glad ti - dings tell; O

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hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
 meek souls will re - ceive him, Still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 dark nightwakes, the glo - ry breaks, And Christ - mas comes once more.
 come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.